BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF INVESTMENT DISPUTES

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In the Matter of Arbitration :
Between: :
RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,:
Claimant, :
and

THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA, :
Respondent
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The hearing in the above-entitled matter came on, pursuant to notice, at 9:03 a.m. before:

DR. ANDRÉS RIGO SUREDA, President PROF. JAMES CRAWFORD, SC, Arbitrator

HON. STUART E. EIZENSTAT, Arbitrator

| ```PAGE 1587 \\ Also Present: \\ MS. NATALI SEQUEIRA, Secretary to the Tribunal \\ MR. ALEX BERENGAUT, Assistant to the Tribunal \\ Court Reporter: \\ MR. DAVID A. KASDAN Registered Diplomate Reporter (RDR) Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR) \\ B\&B Reporters \\ 529 14th Street, S.E. \\ Washington, D.C. 20003 \\ (202) 544-1903 \\ SRA. ANDREA VERÓNICA AMOR \\ D.R. Esteno \\ Colombres 566 \\ Buenos Aires 1218ABE \\ Argentina \\ (5411) 4957-0083 \\ Interpreters: \\ MS. SILVIA COLLA \\ MR. DANIEL GIGLIO \\ MR. CHARLES ROBERTS``` | APPEARANCES: (Continued) <br> On behalf of the Respondent: <br> MR. GUILLERMO PORRAS OVALLE <br> Attorney General <br> MR. ESTUARDO SAÚL OLIVA FIGUEROA <br> MS. SILVIA CABRERA ESTRADA <br> Attorney General's Office <br> MR. ANÍBAL SAMOYOA SALAZAR <br> Deputy Secretary General of the Presidency <br> MR. LUIS VELÁSQUEZ QUIROA <br> MR. MYNOR RENE CASTILLO <br> MR. ROMEO LÓPEZ <br> Ministry of Economy <br> MR. FERNANDO de la CERDA <br> MR. JOSÉ LAMBOUR, <br> Embassy of Guatemala, Washington, D.C. <br> MR. DAVID M. ORTA <br> MR. WHITNEY DEBEVOISE <br> MR. DANIEL SALINAS-SERRANO <br> MS. MARGARITA R. SÁNCHEZ <br> MS. GISELLE K. FUENTES <br> MS. DAWN Y. YAMANE HEWETT <br> MS. MALLORY B. SILBERMAN <br> MR. JOSÉ ANTONIO RIVAS <br> MR. JOSÉ BERNARD PALLAIS H. <br> MS. CAMILA VALENZUELA <br> MR. KELBY BALLENA <br> MS. AMY ENDICOTT <br> MR. PEDRO SOTO <br> MS. NICOLE ANN AARONSON <br> Arnold \& Porter, LLP <br> 555 Twelfth Street, N.W. <br> Washington, D.C. 20004 <br> (202) 942-5000 |
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| ```PAGE 1592 1592 APPEARANCES: (Continued) On behalf of the U.S. Trade Representative: MS. KIMBERLEY CLAMAN Senior Director``` | PROCEEDINGS <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: Good morning, everybody. <br> ARTURO GRAMAJO, RESPONDENT'S WITNESS, CALLED <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: Good morning, Mr. Gramajo. <br> Would you please read the statement you have <br> in front of you. <br> 7 THE WITNESS: I solemnly declare upon my <br> honor and conscience that my statement will be in accordance with my sincere belief. <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you very much. <br> MR. ORTA: Thank you, Mr. President. <br> DIRECT EXAMINATION <br> BY MR. ORTA: <br> Q. Good morning, Mr. Gramajo. How are you this morning? <br> 16 A. Very far well, thank you. <br> Q. I'd like to ask you a few questions and just 18 to set your testimony in its proper context, first of 19 all, you have before you declarations, I believe three 20 declarations you have submitted in this case. Can you 21 please confirm for the Tribunal that the Declarations 22 that are before you are, in fact, your declarations |

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| 09:04:41 1 and that you ratify their contents here before the Tribunal. <br> A. That is correct. I have three statements. <br> Q. And do you ratify the contents of the declarations for the Tribunal? <br> A. Yes, I do. <br> Q. Thank you. <br> Dr. Gramajo, I understand from your prior <br> testimony in this case and the declarations you have submitted that at one point you became the Overseer of FEGUA; is that true? <br> A. That is correct. <br> Q. When did you become the Overseer of FEGUA? <br> A. February 6, 2004. <br> Q. When you entered into that position as the Overseer of FEGUA, did you ask at any point in time for contracts with third parties to be reviewed by your legal staff? <br> A. That is correct. I did that almost right after I started working with FEGUA. <br> Q. Was one of the contracts that was reviewed by 22 the FEGUA legal staff the Contract 143 and its | 09:08:01 1 This is a letter that I received signed by <br> 2 Mr. Jorge Senn to me, General Manager of Ferrovías, <br> 3 dated April 14, 2004. This is the seal indicating <br> 4 that it was received by FEGUA, and this was a letter <br> 5 in which he was requesting what I mentioned before. <br> $6 \quad$. And did you respond to this request? <br> 7 A. That is correct. When I received this <br> 8 request, I indicated the Legal Department of FEGUA to <br> 9 examine the letter and to give me a legal opinion <br> 10 about this request. The Legal Department with FEGUA <br> 11 sent me the Legal Opinion about this request, and the <br> 12 answer for Mr. Senn included a copy of this Legal <br> 13 Opinion. <br> 14 Q. Could we put up document $R-49$, which, for the <br> 15 record, is a letter from Dr. Arturo Gramajo to <br> 16 Mr. Jorge Senn, dated 21 April 2004. <br> 17 And, sir, before you on the screen both in <br> 18 English and in Spanish is a copy of a letter dated <br> 19 April 21, 2004, from you to Mr. Senn. <br> 20 Is this the letter in which you respond to <br> 21 that request that you received from Mr. Senn on <br> 2214 April 2004? |
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| PAGE 1596 <br> 09:05:59 1 <br> 2 amendment, Contract 158, between FEGUA and Ferrovías <br> 2 Guatemala? <br> 3 A. Yes, that is correct. <br> 4 Q. Did there come a time after you began your <br> 5 position as FEGUA's Overseer where you received a <br> 6 communication, a letter from Ferrovías Guatemala <br> 7 requesting access to warehouses and some equipment <br> 8 pursuant to Contract 143 and 158? <br> 9 A. That is correct. I received a letter by the <br> 10 General Manager of Ferrovías Guatemala, requesting <br> 11 access to some warehouses as well as the equipment <br> 12 inside. <br> 13 Q. Would you put up briefly R-7 on the screen. <br> 14 $\quad$ Do we have the Spanish version that we can <br> 15 hand to the witness? <br> 16 Okay. I think what you're going to see on <br> 17 the screen there, Dr. Gramajo, there is a version of <br> 18 it in Spanish and English, and I think you're now <br> 19 being handed a copy of the document in Spanish. <br> 20 First of all, could you identify this <br> 21 document for the record. <br> 22 A. That is correct. | 09:09:45 1 A. That is correct. This was the answer. <br> Q. And could you just explain to the Tribunal <br> how you responded to Mr . Senn's request. <br> 4 A. The response by FEGUA, as Overseer of FEGUA, <br> 5 was that it was not possible to give him what he had <br> 6 requested, and I also included the Opinion of the <br> 7 Legal Department so that he could see the reasons why his request was not accepted. <br> Q. Would you put up document R-8, which is the Legal Opinion that was attached to this letter and to which Dr. Gramajo just testified. <br> Dr. Gramajo, we are now putting before you up <br> on the screen document $\mathrm{R}-8$, which is the Legal Opinion <br> Number 47-2004, the same one referenced in your <br> 21 April 2004 response to Mr . Senn. <br> Is this the document that you attached to the <br> letter response to Mr. Senn? <br> A. Correct. <br> Q. And if we could highlight the conclusion-MR. ORTA: For the second of time, I'm not <br> 21 going to go through all of the document, but I would <br> 22 submit it to the Tribunal for its consideration. |


|  | PAGE 1601 <br> 09:14:31 1 <br> 2 declared lesivo to the interest of the State of <br> 3 Guatemala? <br> 3 A. Upon meeting several times with the attorneys <br> 4 for Ferrovías in an attenpt to draft a new contract, <br> 5 and given the failure to reach an agreement, we <br> 6 started to consider that it would be necessary to <br> 7 follow the path that would lead to the Declaration of <br> 8 Lesividad in connection with the Contract. We had <br> 9 made an effort to come to an agreement with Ferrovias <br> 10 and draft the proper contract that would cure the <br> 11 defects that had been there since the very beginning, <br> 12 but we were not able to agree to the final agreement; <br> 13 therefore, we had to continue with the process to <br> 14 finally get to the Lesividad Declaration. <br> 15 Q. Sir, why did you--why did you choose to <br> 16 pursue the lesivo path rather than other possible <br> 17 paths or--see if you could answer that. <br> 18 A. Since no agreement was reached with <br> 19 Ferrovías, we started to discuss with the Legal <br> 20 Department within the comunications Ministry. We <br> 21 presented our information, and we started to assess <br> 22 and request other agencies their Legal opinion, and |
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| 09:13:07 1 and Pedro Mendoza Montano, one of the lawyers for 2 Ferrovías who also attended the meetings. We held some meetings, and we also exchanged some preliminary versions of a new contract for the Usufruct of the railway equipment. <br> 6 Q. Given the time limitations, I would submit <br> the Tribunal to documents $R-80, R-50$, and $R-51$, which documents speak for themselves, but they put into context the comments just made by Dr. Gramajo about <br> 10 the meetings that were had between the Parties <br> 11 relating to Contract 143 and 158. <br> 12 BY MR. ORTA: <br> Q. Now, Dr. Gramajo, first of all, as a result of those negotiations and those meetings, did the Parties come to an agreement to cure the deficiencies, the legal deficiencies or irregularities in Contracts 143 and 158 ? <br> 18 A. We had several meetings, but we did not reach 19 an agreement. <br> 20 Q. And did there come a time when you considered 21 submitting Contracts 143 and 158 to President Oscar 22 Berger to have that contract and its amendment | PAGE 1602 <br> $09: 16: 20$ 1 <br> 2 that was the reason why the Ministry of Communications <br> 2 put us in contact with the respectable legal firm in <br> 3 Guatemala, Palacios and Associates, to give their <br> 4 Legal Opinion on the contracts. <br> 5 The result of this Legal Opinion was that the <br> 6 Contract was lesivo, given the interests of the State. <br> 7 And based on this, we requested the Attorney General <br> 8 of the Republic to issue an opinion on the contracts, <br> 9 and the answer by the Attorney General of the Republic <br> 10 was that the contracts were lesivo to the interests of <br> 11 the State. <br> 12 But to further complete our impression that <br> 13 these contracts were lesivo, we requested again an <br> 14 expansion of their decision by the Attorney General; <br> 15 and, once again, we sent the Office of the Attorney <br> 16 General the request to have further clarification of <br> 17 their decision. And once again, the Office of the <br> 18 Attorney General indicated that those contracts were <br> 19 lesivo to the interests of the country. By then, we <br> 20 already had two or three previous decisions that also <br> 21 told us that the contracts were lesivo. <br> 22 After this, the Legal Department with FEGUA |

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| PAGE 1603 <br> 09:17:51 1 analyzed the legal opinions from--by the Attorney <br> 2 General's Office; and, based on this we decided to <br> send the request for the Lesividad Declaration to the President of the Republic. <br> 5 MR. ORTA: One additional set of questions, <br> 6 two questions, but in order to put in context, and <br> 7 again because of time, I would remit to the Tribunal <br> 8 documents $\mathrm{R}-13, \mathrm{C}-106, \mathrm{C}-108, \mathrm{R}-15, \mathrm{R}-17, \mathrm{R}-20$, and <br> 9 R-21, which put into context again the statements just <br> 10 made. These are the documents to put into context the <br> 11 testimony just given by Dr. Gramajo. <br> 12 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 13 Q. Now, Dr. Gramajo, the Tribunal has heard a <br> 14 lot about what happened since the President received <br> 15 your letter requesting that he declare lesivo of the <br> 16 contracts, and so for the sake time, I'm not going to <br> 17 take you through all of that story until up the time <br> 18 when the President issued the Lesivo Declaration, but <br> 19 I would ask you a couple of questions about the day <br> 20 before the Lesivo Declaration was published. On the <br> 21 24th of August 2006, did you attend a meeting at which <br> 22 other Government officials, Mr. Senn on behalf of | PAGE 1605 <br> 09:21:17 1 <br> 2 Miriam López had any conduct like this one trying to <br> 3 but I could say that given all the situation and the <br> 4 tension arising out of the possibility of having <br> 5 lesividad declared the next day, I would say that the <br> 6 environment, the situation was quite cordial and kind, <br> 7 and no one was pushed or forced to sign anything, but <br> 8 we asked Mr. Senn to examine the minutes. <br> 9 And I even remember that the minutes didn't <br> 10 include any names, that there were blank spaces to be <br> 11 filled by the Parties. It was a negotiation. <br> 12 And once again, we had to negotiate to be <br> 13 able to fill out the Contract, that settlement letter, <br> 14 but I deny the existence of any pressure or extreme <br> 15 pressure. It was not the case. <br> 16 MR. ORTA: We commend the Tribunal to <br> 17 document C-44, which is the draft agreement that was <br> 18 discussed during that meeting. <br> 19 Thank you. <br> 20 PRESIDENT RIGO: Mr. Foster. <br> 21 MR. FOSTER: Thank you, Mr. President. <br> 22 CROSS-EXAMinarion |
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| PAGE 1604 <br> 09:19:34 1 Ferrovías Guatemala, and some attorneys that were 2 accompanying him were present? <br> 3 A. That is correct. I attended a meeting with 4 the Ministry of Communications, their own facilities, and this was the meeting the date before the potential publication of the Government Agreement declaring lesividad. We had representatives of the Government as well as Mr. Jorge Senn on behalf of Ferrovías. 9 Q. There has been testimony in this case by <br> 10 Mr . Jorge Senn that during that meeting a lawyer on <br> 11 behalf of the Government, Miriam López, held out a <br> 12 draft of an agreement and sort of--I forget precisely <br> 13 what the testimony was--but either placed it on the <br> 14 table and basically said words to the effect, "Either <br> 15 you sign this document or we will proceed to declare <br> 16 the Contract lesivo--publish the Lesivo Declaration <br> 17 tomorrow." <br> 18 You were at the meeting. Tell the Tribunal <br> 19 briefly, because we're basically out of time, what you <br> 20 recall about that meeting in respect to that <br> 21 allegation. <br> 22 A. There was no allegation. It is false that | PAGE 1606 <br> 09:22:55  <br> 1 BY MR. FOSTER: <br> 2 Q. Hello again, Dr. Gramajo. <br> 3 A. Good morning, Mr. Foster. It's a pleasure to <br> 4 see you again. <br> 5 Q. And a pleasure to see you, sir. <br> 6 Let me ask you a few questions. You just <br> 7 testified that on August 24 the document that was <br> 8 presented, you thought it needed to be negotiated; <br> 9 correct? <br> 10 A. Yes, that is correct. <br> 11 Q. And did you seriously think that that <br> 12 document could be negotiated in one day? <br> 13 A. I cannot issue an opinion on that because, <br> 14 first of all, I am not an attorney, but the intention <br> 15 was that there were hours still ahead of us, and we <br> 16 could sit down and negotiate, but no agreement was <br> 17 reached, unfortunately. <br> 18 Q. Okay. I'd like to go back to your letter to <br> 19 Mr. Senn that you discussed in your direct <br> 20 examination, which is Exhibit R-49. Can you show me <br> 21 anything in your letter where you say there are legal <br> 22 defects in the contracts? |


| 09:24:20 1 A. May I please see the letter in Spanish. <br> Q. It should be in your cross-examination <br> binder. I will give you the tab number. It's Tab 36, and it should be in both English and Spanish for you. <br> A. I have it with me. <br> Q. And can you show me anything in your letter which says there are legal defects in the contracts? <br> A. In this letter--that is the response--it says it is not possible to allow them to have their <br> 10 request, and here it doesn't say anything about legal <br> 11 defects, but we did attach to this letter the Legal <br> 12 Opinion; therefore, Mr. Senn automatically received <br> 13 the response letter with the Legal Opinion. Clearly, <br> 14 this indicated that he had received the information. <br> 15 Q. Okay, sir. Please look at the Opinion that 16 you'd attached. It's R-8, which is at Tab 25. <br> 17 Can you show me anything in the Legal Opinion <br> 18 that says that the contracts have legal defects which 19 affect their validity? <br> 20 A. It says that the Legal Department of <br> 21 Ferrocarriles de Guatemala FEGUA based on the <br> 22 foregoing considerations finds that it is not possible |  |
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| 09:26:35 1 to grant the request filed by the representatives-- <br> 2 SECRETARY SEQUEIRA: Please slow down--could <br> 3 you speak a little bit answer. <br> 4 MR. ORTA: He was reading the answer. He was <br> 5 just asked to go a little slower, so if he could just <br> 6 be allowed to finish the answer, please. <br> 7 MR. FOSTER: No problem. <br> 8 THE WITNESS: "The Legal Department of <br> 9 Ferrovías de Guatemala, FEGUA, based on the foregoing <br> 10 considerations, finds that it is not possible to grant <br> 11 the request filed by the representatives of Companiia <br> 12 Desarrollada Ferroviaria Sociedad Anónima, CODEFE. <br> 13 Therefore, the request shall be denied by this entity <br> 14 until the irregularities specified in Contract <br> 15 Number 143 as expanded through normal Deed Number 158 <br> 16 authorized in this city on August 28 and October 7, <br> 17 2003, by Notary Public Claudia Mariela Marroquin <br> 18 Luther." <br> 19 MR. ORTA: It is not what the doctor was <br> 20 reading. He was reading from the very last page of <br> 21 the document, the conclusions. <br> 22 BY MR. FOSTER: | 09:29:39 1 governed by the provisions of its Organic Law embodied in Decree Number 6072-- <br> MR. FOSTER: Excuse me, Mr. President. He's reading the letter. I asked him a very simple question. Can he show me anything in that Opinion where it says that Contract 143 had been entered into without proper authorization? <br> MR. ORTA: Just for the record, I'm sorry, <br> he's not a lawyer. The letter says what you're <br> asking, so maybe you could direct him to the <br> appropriate paragraph. <br> MR. FOSTER: I don't think the letter does <br> say that. I want to know can he show me anything. He said that that Legal Opinion put FVG on notice of the legal deficiencies in the Contract, and I want him to show me what the legal deficiencies in the Contract are. Can he show me where it says that it was entered into without proper authorization? <br> 19 And then when we get through this with this, <br> 20 I'm going to ask him, what are the legal deficiencies in Contract 143? <br> 22 So, now he knows where I'm going, but let's |


| 09:30:41 1 get an answer to this question, first. <br> 2 MR. ORTA: And I remit this to the Tribunal. <br> 3 He's not a lawyer. He was--and I'm not objecting to 4 the question, okay? <br> 5 MR. FOSTER: Then why don't we get him to 6 answer it? <br> 7 MR. ORTA: That's fine. I mean, I can clean 8 it up on redirect, if you would like. The letter says what he said it says. <br> 10 BY MR. FOSTER: <br> 11 Q. Can you show me anything that says that <br> 12 Contract 143--not Contract 41, but Contract 143--was <br> entered into without proper authorization? <br> A. Just a moment. I'm looking for it. <br> In the third paragraph of Page 2, it says, $A$, <br> 16 that, "the goods are not part of Contract 143 under <br> 17 Deed 158 authorized here in this city in August and <br> 18 October by Notary Claudia Mariela Marroquin Luther." <br> 19 B, "Given that the assets are property of the <br> 20 State, Ferrocarriles de Guatemala shall not deliver <br> 21 them to third parties unless the applicable procedure <br> 22 is complied with and a favorable opinion is rendered | 09:33:44 1 Luther, showed irregularities as noted in Opinion <br> 2 number 40 D J classification of March 31 this year, <br> 3 since it provides for the disposition of assets that <br> 4 are the property of the State of Guatemala without any <br> authorization. If those assets were owned by private <br> legal entities, such circumstance must be redressed as <br> soon as practicable." <br> Q. Did you provide a copy of the referenced <br> Legal Opinion to Mr. Senn? I believe that's a <br> question that can be answered "yes" or "no," <br> Dr. Gramajo. <br> A. I don't recall. <br> Q. Is there anything in your letter or in the <br> Legal Opinion which says that the Contract 143 or 158 are lesivo to the interest of the State? <br> 16 A. In this letter, I don't see the word <br> 17 "lesivo." However, the term started being used later 18 on. <br> 19 If I'm allowed to clarify, one cannot adduce <br> 20 that Mr. Senn had no knowledge of the fact that these <br> 21 contracts had defects that needed to be cured. <br> 22 Q. Okay. That's now my last question on this |
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| 09:32:21 1 by the Executive through the State Assets Department 2 of the General Accounts Comptroller's Office." <br> 3 PRESIDENT RIGO: Slower, please. <br> 4 THE WITNESS: Yes. <br> $5 \quad$ A, "The requested assets are not part of the <br> 6 railway equipment list described in Contract <br> 7 Number 143 as expanded by Notarial Deed Number 158, <br> 8 authorized in this city on August 28 and October 7, <br> 9 2003, by Notary Claudia Mariela Marroquin Luther." <br> $10 \quad$ B, "Given that the assets are the property of <br> 11 the State, Ferrocarriles de Guatemala shall not <br> 12 deliver them to third parties unless the applicable <br> 13 procedure is complied with and a favorable opinion is <br> 14 rendered by the Executive Branch through the State <br> 15 Assets Department and the General Accounts <br> 16 Comptroller's office." <br> 17 Q. And you're saying? <br> 18 A. Can I go on? There's something else about <br> 19 this. <br> 20 C, Contract 143, as expanded by Notarial Deed <br> 21 Number 158, authorized in this city on August 28 and <br> 22 October 7, 2003, by Notary Claudia Mariela Marroquin | PAGE 1614 <br> 09:35:20 1 document: What are the defects in Contract 143 and 2 158? <br> 3 MR. ORTA: I'm going to object to that question. That calls for a legal conclusion. The Doctor at all times had legal counsel. He testified 6 on direct that he was advised by legal counsel and submitted--and submitted letters to the President and others based on that legal advice. I think it's not a proper question for this lay witness as to what the legal defects were per se. We have a number of documents in the record that established what the legal defects were. <br> (Tribunal conferring.) <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: The witness should answer in his own understanding what the legal defects of the Contract were. <br> THE WITNESS: Can I ask for clarification in 18 connection with this? I can answer on the basis of what I understand, not necessarily based on this letter. <br> 21 PRESIDENT RIGO: You can testify to what was 22 your understanding of these defects. |

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| THE WITNESS: The legal defects--well, the <br> 2 most important ones were that in 143 and in its <br> 3 Amendment 158, which is the Usufruct of railroad <br> 4 equipment owned by Ferrocarriles de Guatemala, well, <br> 5 these were never approved by an Executive Resolution, <br> 6 this according to what the lawyers have indicated to 7 us. <br> 8 The Contract referred to the Bidding Terms. <br> 9 The Bidding Terms mentioned there are those related to <br> 10 Contract 41, Usufruct of Railway Equipment, and that <br> 11 Contract had been entered into years back. It would <br> 12 be logical for Bidding Terms to be used of a contract <br> 13 executed many years ago for a contract for the <br> 14 Usufruct of Railway Equipment. The Bidding Terms of <br> 15 the first Usufruct Contract provide that the Contract <br> 16 must be executed by the Government Notary, and it must <br> 17 be authorized by an Executive Resolution of the <br> 18 President of the Republic. <br> $19 \quad 143$ says that that authorization is not <br> 20 necessary. On the basis of opinion of lawyers, this <br> 21 is not correct, and that is one of the main defects <br> 22 that Contract 143 has and that is also present in the | 09:39:49 1 question in a different manner, perhaps I would be <br> able to answer it, but you were asking about legal <br> terminology. I don't handle legal terminology. I'm not a lawyer. <br> Q. Yes, sir, but I'm just asking you, with all your conversations and the many legal Opinions that you received and that you sent to the President of the Republic when you were asking him to declare lesivo, just based upon your understanding, was there any other legal defect in these contracts other than the lack of approval by Executive Resolution? <br> A. Yes. If we can look at the letter that I <br> sent to the President, the letter states the problems the contracts had. <br> Q. And do you recall what those were? <br> A. I would like to see the letter that I sent to the President of the Republic. <br> 18 MR. ORTA: If this helps, also known as R-21. <br> 19 MR. FOSTER: Okay. Let's put up R-21. <br> BY MR. FOSTER: <br> Q. I don't have a paper copy. Can you see it on 2 your screen? |
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| 09:38:41 1 amended Contract 158. <br> BY MR. FOSTER: <br> Q. Is there any other--to your understanding, is <br> there any other legal defect other than the failure to <br> be approved by Executive Resolution? <br> MR. ORTA: To the extent that that is <br> characterizing the Witness's answer that he just gave, <br> I think that's a mischaracterize of his answer. <br> MR. FOSTER: His exact words were, "It was never approved by Executive Resolution." I wrote them down when he said them. <br> MR. ORTA: There were many other things he <br> said. <br> MR. FOSTER: I understand, there always are, <br> but those were his exact words. <br> BY MR. FOSTER: <br> Q. Now, to your understanding is there any other <br> legal defect in Contracts 143 or 158 other than the lack of approval by Executive Resolution? <br> A. Counselor, you are asking me about legal <br> issues. I am not a lawyer. I would not be able to <br> 22 answer a question as a lawyer. If you asked me a | PAGE 1618 <br> A. Yes. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Could the Tribunal see <br> an English version, please, and do you know which tab this is under? <br> MR. FOSTER: It's not in the <br> cross-examination binder, but we'll find it for you. <br> SECRETARY SEQUEIRA: I have it. <br> MR. FOSTER: You've got it, good. Thank you, <br> Natali. Fine. <br> (Document handed to the witness.) <br> BY MR. FOSTER: <br> Q. So, now, looking at your letter to the <br> president, what is it you say the legal defects in <br> Contracts 143 and 158 were? <br> A. Could I please see that on the screen? Can you maximize it? <br> MR. ORTA: I have a version of it. <br> Unfortunately, it has a little bit of highlighting, <br> but it's in larger print. I think the version he has <br> just been handed has such small print, he's going to <br> have difficulty reading it. If you don't have any <br> 2 objection, I could give him this. |

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|  | 09:45:54 1 the equipment outside the national territory for the 2 term it deems necessary; <br> 3 (c), the Usufructary does not undertake to <br> 4 return FEGUA's equipment which has been designated <br> 5 cultural-historical property nor the waste material <br> 6 (scrap); <br> 7 (d), no prohibition is imposed regarding the <br> 8 Usufruct or the equipment; <br> 9 <br> (e), the Contract relieves the Usufructary of <br> 10 the any liability; <br> $11(\mathrm{f})$, the contract provides that the <br> 12 Usufructary may remove component parts of a piece of <br> 13 equipment to use them as replacements in other <br> 14 equipment; <br> 15 <br> $(\mathrm{g})$, the Contract is valid for a term of 44 <br> 16 year, eight months, and 25 days; <br> 17 <br> (h), in consideration of the Onerous Usufruct <br> 18 of the equipment which forms the subject matter of the <br> 19 Contract, the Usufructary undertakes to make an annual <br> 20 payment to FEGUA of 1.25 percent of the net freight <br> 21 turnover for such equipment. No method was <br> 22 established for calculating the amounts charged for |
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| 09:44:40 1 (section 1 of Contract 143). Note that even when the 2 Terms of Reference of Contract 41 as mentioned in <br> 3 Contract 143, the conditions of such bidding process were not applied. <br> Q. Okay, Dr. Gramajo. So, the first paragraph says--would it be fair to say that the first paragraph says that the Contract was not awarded pursuant to a public bid? <br> MR. ORTA: I'm sorry, I'm going to object. <br> It says a lot more than that. He's just read it into the record. <br> MR. FOSTER: Skip the question, <br> Mr. President. It speaks for itself. <br> BY MR. FOSTER: <br> Q. Okay. How about is there any other thing in your letter that you advance as being illegal about Contracts 143 and 158 ? <br> 18 A. In Paragraph 4 it says, Contract 143 contains <br> 19 several irregularities; namely, (a), FEGUA's <br> 20 obligation to grant any new or used equipment or spare <br> 21 parts in Usufruct to the selected entity; <br> 22 <br> (b), the Usufructary is authorized to move | 09:47:02 1 freight services, and FEGUA is not allowed to <br> 2 participate in the prior determination of said freight <br> 3 services. <br> 4 PRESIDENT RIGO: Mr. Gramajo, would you 5 please go slower. <br> 6 THE WITNESS: Would you want me to repeat 7 this paragraph? <br> 8 PRESIDENT RIGO: No, no, please don't. <br> 9 THE WITNESS: "(i), Sections 7 and 19 of <br> 10 Contract 143 were amended by Contract 158, authorized <br> 11 in this city on October 7, 2003, by Notary Claudia <br> 12 Mariela Marroquin Luther, to include the valuation of <br> 13 the property subject to Usufruct and a list containing <br> 14 itemized prices which were agreed at the discretion of <br> 15 the contracting parties, without indicating the source <br> 16 of the value assigned to each item or requesting an <br> 17 appraisal of the property, and without taking into <br> 18 account the importance and historical value of the <br> 19 property which has been designated cultural property." <br> 20 Excuse me. <br> 21 There is another defect that is to be found <br> 22 in this letter. May I go on? |

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|  | 09:51:46 1 you is, why didn't you just get it approved by the 2 Executive? <br> A. Are you asking me about 143? <br> Q. Yes, sir. <br> Why you didn't you just get the President to approve Contract 143 and solve the problem? <br> 7 A. Counselor, because 143 states that there was 8 no need for authorization by any other Higher <br> 9 Authority, so it would not have been logical for me to <br> 10 ask the President to provide authorization for a <br> 11 Contract of Usufruct of Railway Equipment when the <br> 12 text of the document says that no approval is <br> 13 necessary by a Higher Authority. I cannot send the <br> 14 President a request which is automatically incorrect. <br> 15 The Contract states that there is no need for a Higher <br> 16 Authority to approve it. <br> 17 BY MR. FOSTER: <br> 18 Q. But you disagreed with that. You thought <br> 19 that that was an irregularity in the Contract, so why <br> 20 didn't you just solve the irregularity by getting the <br> 21 President to approve it? <br> 22 A. Because I could not--I repeat, I could not |
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| PAGE 1624  <br> $09: 49: 54$ 1 Q. Okay. And Item H is not correct, is it? The <br> 2 1.25 percent was on gross freight revenues; isn't that  <br> 3 correct?  <br> 4 A. I cannot answer the question because I do not  <br> 5 remember that.  <br> 6 Q. Now, going back to Item one, the new--which I  <br> 7 think is in Paragraph 2, the issue of the bidding  <br> 8 process, why didn't you solve that problem by having a  <br> 9 new public bid?  <br> 10 A. probably there would have been other bidders  <br> 11 in that new bidding process. That is the only thing  <br> 12 that I can think of right now. If a new bidding  <br> 13 process had taken place, perhaps some other company  <br> 14 would have been able to become a bidder there.  <br> 15 Q. How did that harm the interest of the State  <br> 16 to have a competitive bid?  <br> 17 A. on the basis of what the attorneys told me,  <br> 18 the public bidding process was a requirement for these  <br> 19 kinds of contracts.  <br> 20 Q. Okay. Looking at the issue of executive  <br> 21 approval, which I think is in Paragraph 3 of this  <br> 22 letter which you didn't read to us, but my question to  | PAGE 1626 <br> 09:53:29 1 <br> 2 send the President--well, 143, the Usufruct Contract, <br> 3 says--it's not that the approval is unnecessary by the <br> 3 President of the Republic. Well, I mean, I could not <br> 4 send it to him because it would have been a <br> 5 contradiction. It would have been a contradiction for <br> 6 me to ask the President to authorize a contract when <br> 7 the language in the Contract says that it is not <br> 8 necessary for a Higher Authority to approve the <br> 9 Contract; that is to say, the President of the <br> 10 Republic is not to approve the Contract. <br> 11 Q. How can it be harmful to the interests of the <br> 12 State that the Contract doesn't have a requirement for <br> 13 Presidential approval, but you could have gotten it <br> 14 approved by the President? Doesn't that solve all, <br> 15 any potential harm to the State? <br> 16 MR. ORTA: I'm sorry. That's assuming facts <br> 17 not in evidence. <br> 18 MR. FOSTER: He can clearly answer this <br> 19 question. <br> 20 MR. ORTA: No, he can't. That's not under <br> 21 your question. It's assuming facts not in evidence. <br> 22 $H e ~ h a s ~ t o ~ a s k ~ a ~ d i f f e r e n t ~ q u e s t i o n . ~$ |

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| PRESIDENT RIGO: Would you rephrase it. BY MR. FOSTER: <br> Q. If you contended that this Contract should be declared lesivo because it had not been approved by the President, why wouldn't you just ask him to approve the Contract? <br> A. Counselor, I think my answer would be redundant. The language of the Contract--and if you would be so kind to read it--you will see it says that it is not necessary for the President or for a higher authority to approve the Contract. If the language of the Contract states that, then it would have been contradictory on my part to send the President a request for him to authorize the contract when the language in the Contract says that no authorization by the President is necessary. <br> Q. Okay. Then why didn't you just simply ask Ferrovías to renegotiate that clause in the Contract to require Presidential approval and then go get it? <br> 20 A. The answer is as follows: we commenced <br> 21 negotiations with the lawyers of Ferrovías to prepare <br> 22 a new Railway Equipment Usufruct Contract that would | 09:57:29 1 a few questions before the end of my hour. <br> 2 PRESIDENT RIGO: Mr. Gramajo, try to be <br> 3 succinct in your answers because we don't have a lot <br> 4 of time, and the lawyer has very little time to ask 5 questions. <br> 6 THE WITNESS: I don't have the documents <br> 7 before me, and I don't remember exactly their <br> 8 numbering, but there was an exchange of Draft <br> 9 Contracts with Ferrovías. The first Draft Contract <br> 10 was basically a copy of Contract 143. FEGUA objected <br> 11 this, and you can see on the draft my handwritten <br> 12 notes requesting that that clause be changed so that <br> 13 the Contract is approved via an Executive Resolution. <br> 14 Those drafts are there. We tried to prepare a new <br> 15 contract with Ferrovias that included these conditions <br> 16 so that the President of the Republic could approve <br> 17 the Contract. <br> 18 However, we were not able to reach an <br> 19 agreement in these negotiations. There were <br> 20 differences amongst the Parties. Like in every <br> 21 negotiation, sometimes you reach agreement and <br> 22 sometimes you don't. |
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| PAGE 1628 <br> 09:56:16 1 not have the defects that had been identified. Drafts 2 were exchanged of this new Railway Equipment Usufruct 3 Contract. Regrettably, we were not able to reach an agreement. The will to negotiate the new agreement, if you let me, you're asking me why we didn't reach an 6 agreement. Well, we tried to negotiate with Ferrovías; however, like in every negotiation, sometimes you can reach agreement, and sometimes you cannot. So-- <br> 10 Q. Excuse me, sir. Can you show me any piece of 11 paper that you exchanged with Ferrovías where you ever 12 said, we've got a problem with this contract because it provides--because it doesn't require Presidential approval. We can solve the problem if we just change that term. Can you show me any time you ever said that to Ferrovías? <br> 17 MR. ORTA: Mr. Chairman, I would ask that the witness not be cut off in the middle of an answer. If I could just ask Mr. Foster to let the witness finish his answers, please. <br> 21 MR. FOSTER: I would like to ask that the 22 witness answer sufficiently briefly that I can ask him |  |

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| PAGE 1631 <br> MR. FOSTRR: It's necessary to cut the witness off, David. <br> MR. ORTA: With all due respect, you're asking him questions that are important, and he needs to be able to give his full answers. You should not be cutting him off. That's improper. <br> MR. FOSTER: He said he didn't recall, and therefore there can't be any further answer. <br> MR. ORTA: No, that's not true. <br> I would ask the President to please <br> again--this is my second request--please ask <br> Mr . Foster to not cut the witness off in the middle of his answers. <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: I've asked you not to cut <br> him off, but I also would ask the witness to respond <br> as succinctly as possible and as straight as possible. <br> BY MR. FOSTER: <br> Q. I would like to turn to another topic, <br> Dr. Gramajo. I'd like to direct your attention to the 0 Squatter Commission that was formed by the Ministry of <br> 21 Communications in January 2005. You served on that <br> 22 Commission as FEGUA's representative; correct? | 10:02:24 1 that. <br> 2 Q. And I guess you're going to tell us that you <br> 3 didn't know that Mr. Pinto represented Mr. Campollo in business matters, either; is that correct? <br> 5 A. I did not know that Mr. Pinto was a 6 representative. Indeed, Mr. Pinto never mentioned Mr. Campollo in the course of the negotiations. 8 According to my perception--I would like to clarify 9 that, according to my perception, Mr. Pinto had been invited to participate by Mr. Jorge Senn. That is what I perceived at that time. <br> But I never found out, I never had knowledge that Mr. Pinto had a relationship with Mr. Campollo, who, of course, I don't know. I have never even seen his photograph. <br> Q. The object of the Squatter Commission was to design a plan to relocate squatters occupying the South Coast railway right-of-way in order to facilitate the rehabilitation of the South Coast railway; correct? <br> A. That is right, correct. <br> Q. Now, the Squatter Commission was needed |
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| PAGE 1632 <br> 10:01:08 1 A. Yes. <br> 2 Q. And Mr. Héctor Pinto also served on that <br> Commission; right? <br> A. That is right. <br> Q. And you understood that Mr. Pinto was representing the sugar industry and the Ciudad del Sur project when he was serving on that Commission; correct? <br> A. Yes. Mr. Pinto introduced himself as a representative of the agro industry of the southern coast, particularly of one company. We didn't know Mr. Pinto. We didn't know his background, but he did participate. <br> Q. And you knew that ciudad del sur is owned by Mr. Ramon Campollo, didn't you? <br> A. No, I did not know that ciudad del sur was a project that was owned by Mr. Ramon Campollo. Mr. Campollo's name wasn't mentioned in the course of the negotiations of the Railway Commission. <br> Q. You know that Mr. Campollo is in the sugar business at his Madre Tierra sugar mill, don't you? <br> 22 A. No, I don't know that. I'm not aware of | 10:03:36 1 because FEGUA had not promoted or requested the 2 eviction of squatters; isn't that right? <br> A. This is partially incorrect. I can tell you 4 that during my period as Overseer of FEGUA, we carried 5 out at least two massive evictions of squatters who 6 were in the right-of-way, the railroad right-of-way, and there's a record of this in some Press Reports where FEGUA authorities, well, we were accompanied by 9 the national police of Guatemala, by the judge, by the Commission on Human Rights, and even on one or two occasions by Ferrovías attorneys, and we carried out 2 massive evictions of squatters on the South Coast. <br> Those happened, so this means that we were concerned about the squatter issue. Indeed--if I may--indeed, FEGUA had a small office with one person 6 in charge of addressing the issue of the squatters. <br> 17 Q. You were the FEGUA Overseer on September the 8 13th, 2004, weren't you? <br> 19 A. That's right. <br> 20 Q. Didn't FEGUA issue a press release as of that <br> 21 date, admitting that they had not promoted or <br> 22 requested the eviction of squatters? |

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| 10:05:28 1 A. I don't recall that it was during my term that that happened. <br> Q. Please put up C-76. <br> MR. ORTA: Allen, would you tell us which tab <br> number. <br> MR. FOSTER: Tab 13. <br> BY MR. FOSTER: <br> Q. Now, you, as Overseer, authorized this press release, didn't you? <br> A. No, and I'm going to tell you--I'm recalling this right now--if you notice here, the logo of FEGUA doesn't even appear. This was in keeping with what we realized at the time was an apocryphal publication. <br> It was a publication that was done by a person who had nothing to do with FEGUA. <br> 16 Indeed, you can see my name doesn't appear anywhere. <br> Plus, I recall precisely that this <br> 19 publication took us by surprise; that is to say the <br> 20 staff and officials and officers of FEGUA were taken <br> 21 by surprise. We did not make this publication. <br> 22 Q. So, you're saying it's a fake, basically? | 10:08:32 1 be able to carry out the evictions. Once the 2 conditions were present--that is to say, and if I could elaborate... <br> Q. I just asked you a simple question, and that was that the plan wasn't implemented, and you answered that it was not, so I think that's adequate. <br> It is true, is it not, Dr. Gramajo, that the reason the plan wasn't implemented is that the Government didn't want to pay or didn't have or didn't want to pay the money that was necessary to build the housing so the squatters could be relocated; isn't that right? <br> A. That is not correct. <br> Q. Well, if--Mr. Valenzuela was the Chairman of that Commission, wasn't he? <br> A. That's right. Mr. Valenzuela, Héctor <br> Valenzuela, was appointed Secretary of that Commission by the Vice Minister Jose Luis Gandara, that's what I recall. <br> Q. And Ms. Mabel Hernández was on that Commission, wasn't she? <br> A. Ms. Mabel Hernández was not someone who I |
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| 10:07:01 1 A. The publication exists, but it was not published by FEGUA. <br> Q. Okay. Now, regardless, it does say in it that FEGUA has not promoted nor requested eviction of any of the settlement groups that currently occupy the right-of-way; right? <br> A. This's what the press release says. <br> Nonetheless, we didn't publish it. <br> Q. Okay. There were approximately 4,000 <br> squatters occupying the South Coast right-of-way, <br> weren't there? <br> A. I don't recall the exact number. <br> Q. The Squatter Commission did develop a plan to remove the squatters and relocate them; correct? <br> A. That is correct. <br> Q. But that plan was never implemented, was it? <br> A. It wasn't implemented in the framework of the <br> 18 project for rehabilitation of the southern railway. <br> 19 We did carry out some evictions of squatters in 20 the--along the railway right-of-way. <br> 21 But in the framework of the Commission's <br> 22 work, there were no evictions. Planning was done to | PAGE 1638 <br> 10:09:49 1 <br> 2 knew well. I met her at the meetings of the Railway <br> 3 Commission. <br> 4 the reason that the plan was not implemented was <br> 5 because the Government didn't have the money, you just <br> 6 wouldn't agree with that; correct? <br> 7 A. I don't agree. That's not true. <br> 8 Q. Okay. Did FEGUA have the money to build <br> 9 housing for the squatters and remove them? <br> 10 A. No. If I can elaborate to explain my answer. <br> 11 Q. I don't think it needs any elaboration, sir. <br> 12 Let me just ask you another question. <br> 13 Was also a part of the plan that was <br> 14 developed by the Commission that a census would be <br> 15 done of the squatters? <br> 16 A. That's right. <br> 17 Q. And the census was never done either, was it? <br> 18 A. I'd like to clarify because in the context of <br> 19 my statement, one finds the answer to the attorney's <br> 20 concerns. <br> 21 First, I would like to tell you that in <br> 22 effect in the Railway Commission, Mr. Oscar Bautista |

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| 10:11:20 1 and Ms. Mabel Hernández were invited as consultants. <br> 2 Supposedly they were specialists on the issue of <br> 3 eviction of squatters, and they were contacted to <br> 4 carry out a census. They drew up a census plan which <br> 5 included any number of situations which when they gave <br> 6 us the total price for carrying out the census was <br> 7 extremely high cost, and we, the institutions who were <br> 8 attending, didn't have that. <br> 9 Indeed, I would like to tell you that <br> 10 Mr . Senn, a personal oral comment he made to me was <br> 11 that he considered that it was too costly, too <br> 12 expensive--the census project, that is--as being <br> 13 proposed by Ms. Mabel Hernández and Mr. Oscar <br> 14 Bautista. It was a very high sum--I don't remember <br> 15 exactly how much, but it included purchase of <br> 16 vehicles, purchase of bicycles, and so on and so <br> 17 forth. <br> 18 So, an effort began to find some other <br> 19 option. Initially I asked the Financial Department of <br> 20 FEGUA to indicate to me how much money FEGUA could <br> 21 contribute to such a census, and the finance people <br> 22 told me that we had 150,000 quetzales available, which | 10:14:26 1 Ferrovías breached Contract 402 by not completing <br> Phase II of the renovation of the railroad; correct? <br> A. Yes. <br> Q. And you also allege or assert that Ferrovías <br> breached that Contract by not beginning and completing <br> Phase III of the railroad rehabilitation; correct? <br> A. That is right. <br> Q. Now, you know, do you not, sir, that FEGUA <br> Overseer Minera wrote to Ferrovías acknowledging that <br> Ferrovías had met its obligations with regard to Phase <br> II, don't you? <br> A. Yes, that is right. I learned of that <br> letter. <br> Q. And you know that he also wrote to Ferrovías stating that it was impossible for Ferrovías to renovate Phase III; correct? <br> A. I don't recall whether it was a communication between Mr. Minera and Ferrovías or if it was a <br> 19 communication between Overseer Sarceno and Ferrovías. 20 In effect-- <br> 21 Q. Okay. So, you later became aware of these 22 letters; right? |
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| 10:13:00 1 was not enough for carrying out the census. <br> So, and this is important, I ordered the <br> FEGUA staff to carry out a census, and the FEGUA staff carried out a census in a space of eight to 10 days, and there's a presentation that showed the results. PRESIDENT RIGO: Excuse me, but I ask once again that you give more concise answers. <br> THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you. <br> BY MR. FOSTER: <br> Q. You tried to get Ferrovías to put up the money for the census, didn't you? <br> A. No, that's not so. <br> Q. Isn't that when Mr. Senn told you he thought the price was pretty high, when you asked him to put up the money? <br> A. I clarified that I did not ask Mr. Senn for them to put up the money. What I did was to state in the meeting that FEGUA had 150,000 quetzals. We never asked anyone else to put up money. <br> Q. Let's turn to another subject quickly, if we can cover it. <br> 22 In your statement, you have asserted that | PAGE 1642  <br> 10:15:59 1 A. Of course. <br> 2 Q. And you did not write Ferrovías revoking  <br> 3 those letters or telling Ferrovías that those letters  <br> 4 were wrong or anything of the sort, did you?  <br> 5 A. I did not write any note to Ferrovías in this  <br> 6 regard. Nonetheless, Mr. Jorge senn sent a note to  <br> 7 vice Minister Roberto Diaz in which he set forth some  <br> 8 of Ferrovias's concerns, and I was copied on that  <br> 9 letter. Nonetheless, I never received it. Vice  <br> 10 Minister Diaz sent me the letter for me to make a  <br> 11 comment on it. I sent him a comment on behalf of  <br> 12 FEGUA, and we always spoke--well, on several  <br> 13 occasions, and in that note it says that Ferrovías, in  <br> 14 our view, even though there were letters or  <br> 15 communications indicating that Ferrovías had a  <br> 16 completed second phase of rehabilitation, in our view,  <br> 17 that second phase never was rehabilitated.  <br> 18   <br> 19 act while ith inaugurated the rehabilitation work, the  <br> 20 truth--and all of us who have seen the railroad in  <br> 21 Guatemala know this--the truth is that nothing,  <br> 22 absolutely nothing was ever done in terms of  |

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| 10:17:37 1 rehabilitation in Phase $I I$, except for the small <br> 2 stretch from Chiapas-Mayab--from Chiapas-Mayab, <br> 3 Mexico, to the railroad station in Guatemala. But rehabilitation work, it didn't do any. <br> Q. And rail service was offered on that segment; is that not correct? <br> A. In which segment are you asking me about? <br> Q. The one you were just talking about. Rail service was offered on that segment; is that not correct? <br> A. There were just about 1,500 meters that operated on that segment. The Mexican rail would enter, come in to leave cargo at the Tecún Umán station in Guatemala, but if I elaborate--may I very briefly? <br> 16 It is illogical for a State to grant Usufruct to a country to rehabilitate its entire rail network and for only a small part to have been done and to leave the rest of the right-of-way as idle. <br> 20 PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you, Mr. Foster. <br> 21 MR. FOSTER: Thank you, sir. If I'm out of 22 time, I'm out of time. | 10:20:03 1 letters of FEGUA, weren't they? <br> MR. ORTA: Allen, just to help you, you said <br> Phases I and II, and you were asking about Phases II and III. <br> MR. FOSTER: Thank you very much, David. <br> BY MR. FOSTER: <br> Q. The letters concerning Phases II and II that <br> we have just been discussing, those were official <br> letters of FEGUA, weren't they? <br> A. Yes, that is true. <br> Q. And they have to this day never been revoked, have they? <br> A. No, they have not been revoked. <br> Q. Throughout, FEGUA received and accepted the Canon payments pertaining to the railway Equipment Contract; is that not correct? <br> A. Yes, that is right. <br> Q. And in accepting those Canon payments, FEGUA never attached any reservations or said we're accepting them under protest or anything of that sort; isn't that correct? <br> 22 A. I can clarify-- |
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|  | PAGE 1646  <br> 10:21:19 1 Q. Just answer my question, please, and then you <br> 2 can clarify.  <br> 3 PRESIDENT RIGO: Before clarifying, well, you  <br> 4 still haven't said anything that could be clarified,  <br> 5 so please give a direct answer to the question, and if  <br> 6 after that you need to clarify something, you can  <br> 7 clarify it briefly.  <br> 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, FEGUA received a Canon  <br> 9 payment for use of the rail equipment.  <br> 10 BY MR. FOSTER:  <br> 11 Q. And when you received that Canon payment, you  <br> 12 did not receive it under protest or with reservation  <br> 13 or with any Declaration that you were reserving any  <br> 14 rights, did you?  <br> 15 A. That's right.  <br> 16 MR. FOSTER: No further questions,  <br> 17 Mr. President.  <br> 18 THE WINNESS: May I make a clarification?  <br> 19 PRESIDENT RIGO: He has no further questions.  <br> 20 So, I think whatever counsel has the right to  <br> 21 have a redirect here, and, Mr. Orta.  <br> 22 REDIRECT EXAMINATION  |

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| BY MR. ORTA: <br> Q. My first question is: Please clarify <br> whatever it is you wanted to clarify in relation to Mr. Foster's question? <br> A. The question as to why the Canon payment was accepted, is that what you're talking about? <br> Q. Yes. Could you clarify your answer. <br> A. The Canon payment was accepted by FEGUA <br> because there were letters for authorization of use of the railway equipment that had been issued by prior Overseers, and logically Ferrovías was using the railway equipment that was FEGUA's property, and it was illogical for it to use it without making any payment in that respect. <br> But the payment was based on the letters of authorization that had been issued by prior Overseers. <br> Q. Did you ever, yourself, admit one of these letters authorizing the use of the equipment? <br> A. No, I didn't issue any letter because the prior letters were in force. <br> Q. You were asked why you didn't submit Contract 143 and 158 to the President for his approval. My | 10:25:15 1 A. Yes, we did carry out at least two massive evictions. This means-- <br> MR. FOSTER: Objection. He's already <br> answered this question. <br> MR. ORTA: Well, this is redirect. I'm <br> allowed to ask him about it. He was shown a press <br> release and cut off in his answer. <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: Of course he should answer. <br> He should finish the answer. <br> 10 THE WITNESS: Okay. Very well, FEGUA carried <br> out at least two massive evictions, and when I say <br> "massive evictions," there were at least two or 300 <br> people in the right-of-way, and we did this at certain <br> risk because these people generally could become <br> violent. The FEGUA personnel collaborated in <br> dismantling the precarious homes that had been <br> constructed in the right-of-way. <br> Indeed, FEGUA's attorneys were lawyers were <br> present. Likewise, the judge, the human rights <br> 20 Ombudsman interim at that time, and Ferrovías <br> 21 attorneys, who drew up an Act in this regard. <br> 22 So, we were concerned in my time as Overseer. |
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| PAGE 1648 <br> $10: 23: 59$ 1 <br> 2 first question is: Were you told by your legal <br> 3 advisers that that Contract was illegal? <br> 4 A. Yes, that is right. <br> 5 were told by your have submitted a contract that you <br> 6 President to be approved? <br> 7 A. I clearly it was illegal to the <br> 8 for his approval a contract that was illegal. That <br> 9 was contradictory. I couldn't. <br> 10 $\quad$ Moreover, we must bear in mind that the <br> 11 President of the Republic is an attorney who knows the <br> 12 law, and I could not put myself at risk of making a <br> 13 fool of myself by sending him a contract that was <br> 14 illegal. <br> 15 Q. You were shown a press release that you have <br> 16 testified before this Tribunal was not a press release <br> 17 that was issued by FEGUA. That's document C-76. The <br> 18 subject of the press release was whether or not FEGUA <br> 19 had conducted any evictions of squatters on the <br> 20 right-of-way, and my question is: Did FEGUA conduct <br> 21 any evictions of squatters on the right-of-way while <br> 22 you were FEGUA's Overseer? | PAGE 1650 <br> 10:26:32 1 <br> 2 We were concerned about evictions. <br> 3 And as regards this note or this publication <br> 4 in. You were asked questions about Mr. Campollo <br> 5 and Mr. Pinto. In requesting that the President issue <br> 6 a Lesivo Declaration in relation to Contracts 143 and <br> 7 158, did you in any way whatsoever intend to benefit <br> 8 Mr. Ramon Campollo? <br> 9 A. First of all, I never received any order from <br> 10 a higher level authority to carry out all of the <br> 11 studies that the legal departments did, and the whole <br> 12 process--I never received any order from a higher <br> 13 level authority. I never heard that Mr. Ramon <br> 14 Campollo or, I should say, I was never pressured to <br> 15 favor Mr. Campollo. Indeed, Mr. Campollo was never <br> 16 within the sphere of FeGuA actions. I don't know him. <br> 17 I reiterate, I do not know him. I don't really know <br> 18 who he is. I have never seen him. <br> 19 I deny that any action with respect to the <br> 20 process on lesividad was done to favor Mr. Campollo or <br> 21 any other individual institution. That was not the <br> 22 case. |

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| 10:28:03 $1 \quad$ Q. Sir, you were asked about a plan that was put 2 together by the Railroad Commission to remove <br> 3 squatters in the right-of-way to the Southern Coast of <br> 4 Guatemala City, and you were asked whether the reason <br> 5 that that plan was not implemented was because the <br> 6 Government didn't have the funds in order to <br> 7 effectuate that plan, and you responded, "no." <br> 8 My question is--bear with me--let me get my <br> 9 question out--my question is, what was the reason, to <br> 10 your understanding, that the squatter plan that was <br> 11 elaborated by the Railroad Commission was not <br> 12 implemented? <br> 13 A. Okay. First of all, I want to tell you that <br> 14 the Railway Commission was a Commission made up of <br> 15 serious Government institutions, and, logically, <br> 16 Ferrovías as well, and, as you mentioned, Mr. Pinto. <br> 17 I'd read in some way that they did not <br> 18 believe that this was a serious activity, and I think <br> 19 that that's not the case. It was a totally serious <br> 20 activity. FEGUA did everything that it had to do to <br> 21 work on developing the Ciudad del Sur project, the <br> 22 rehabilitation project in order for the train to get | 10:31:27 1 relocate the squatters in the new contracts where 2 definitely they were going to have better living <br> 3 conditions than what they had at the time that we were dealing with the situation. After that they indicated to us--Vice-Minister Gandara indicated that they had already located those 33 million for the eviction and the relocation. <br> The economic issue was always a highly <br> debated one, but we already had a proposal. There was 33 million to carry out the eviction and the relocation of those persons. <br> Q. So, to your knowledge, why wasn't that plan effectuated to remove the squatters, if you know? <br> A. In that plan, it was necessary to do Registry work, or to do cadastro work. I don't know how you would say that in English. <br> Q. Property Registry? <br> A. Or land Registry of all of the settlements along the right-of-way. <br> 20 FEGUA did this, and it put the request to the <br> 21 Property Registrar of Guatemala, and it located all of <br> 22 the certifications so as to be able to present them to |
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| 10:29:33 1 to Ciudad del Sur was 38 miles. <br> 2 The economic question is revolving around <br> 3 this whole situation. Approximately 1,750 families of <br> squatters were identified in the right-of-way from <br> 5 Puerto Quetzal to Santa Lucia, and that was the <br> 6 stretch that was supposedly to be rehabilitated. Of <br> 7 those 1,750, well, they were spread out all throughout 8 that time. <br> 9 Now, the Government institution undertook to <br> 10 seek housing projects to which they could be <br> 11 transferred. Three places were identified, one in <br> 12 Puerto San Jose, another near Escuintla, and the other <br> 13 in the proximity of Santa Lucia. Representatives of <br> 14 the Commission spoke with the owners of the projects <br> 15 and established a price that could be negotiable. <br> 16 Then it was necessary to contact the <br> 17 squatters' leaders. At a meeting of the Railway <br> 18 Commission, Vice-Minister Gandara and Mr. Hector <br> 19 Valenzuela indicated that they had gone to a meeting <br> 20 with the squatters and that they had convinced them to <br> 21 be relocated. After that, it was established that <br> 22 approximately 33 million quetzales would be needed to | 10:33:06 1 the judge. The judge was identified, and it was even 2 thought that one could use a helicopter for the judge <br> 3 to examine the entire invaded right-of-way and for him <br> 4 to--and then the request for eviction was to be drawn up. <br> The Minister of Communications sent an attorney, but with the last name Bravati (ph.), who was a specialist on evictions. <br> We were working in this phase, and let me <br> tell you that to this end Ferrovías helped with <br> Mr. Héctor Tortola, who owned with a company that took aerial pictures, and we had the information all ready for the Registry of all the property-- <br> Q. I apology, but the Tribunal may have some questions for you, and we need to break. If you don't know the answer to the question, then that's fine. <br> But the question is just, to your knowledge, why did the Commission not proceed with the eviction of the squatter plan? That's the main issue that if you could just answer. <br> A. Supposedly, Mr. Héctor Pinto was the 22 representative of the investors, and when we were |

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| 10:34:32 1 already working on this plan, all of a sudden, I understand that--I don't know if it was Mr. Valenzuela or the Minister received a note indicating that no agreement had been reached with Ferrovías for the railway project. And since there was no agreement with Ferrovias, the investors would be withdrawing from the table. <br> 8 And given the situation, we thought it was not appropriate to continue with the eviction plan because if there was no railway rehabilitation in the short term--that is to say, right after the eviction the lands were going to be taken again, and that was the reason why the project was stalled. <br> Q. Thank you, sir. <br> MR. ORTA: I have no further questions. <br> QUESTIONS FROM THE TRIBUNAL <br> ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Mr. Gramajo, you said <br> that you carried out some evictions--not the big ones <br> that we were just talking about, but some other evictions. When were they? <br> 21 THE WITNESS: I don't remember the dates, but <br> 22 I do remember that they were published in the | 10:37:39 1 are paid salaries by using the vehicles that belong to <br> 2 FEGUA. The national police got to that place through <br> 3 their own means, and the same applied to the lawyers of FEGUA. It wasn't a major expense. <br> 5 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: You said later on that <br> 6 there were expenses involved in the relocation of the <br> 7 squatters because they had to have somewhere to go. <br> What happened on this occasion in terms of those <br> expenses? <br> 10 THE WITNESS: In this case there were no <br> 11 expenses because it was quite a recent taking, and we <br> 12 hadn't thought of the relocation in the placement of <br> 13 these squatters somewhere else. We knew that these <br> 14 people were coming from a nearby town, and we carried <br> 15 out the eviction without further problems, and there <br> 16 were no extra expenses. <br> 17 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Thank you. <br> 18 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Dr. Gramajo, I'd like <br> 19 to sort of take us back to basics, if I may. <br> 20 My understanding, and I want to see if it is <br> 21 yours, is that prior to your assuming your position as <br> 22 Overseer, there had been a contract numbered 41. And |
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| PAGE 1656 <br> 10:36:22 1 <br> 2 Guatemalan newspapers because that is an interesting <br> 3 this sort, in general the eviction of squatters <br> 4 usually lead to problems and some sort of violence <br> 5 because the police is acting, et cetera, et cetera. <br> 6 So, we were lucky in the sense that we had <br> 7 police officials from several departments of <br> 8 Guatemala, and the Police Chief was very conscience, <br> 9 and he obtained these evictions without any sort of <br> 10 violence. <br> 11 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: So, if we know that <br> 12 they were not violent, but we don't know when they <br> 13 were? <br> 14 THE WITNESS: I don't remember the dates. We <br> 15 had two, but I don't remember the dates. <br> 16 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: What sort of funding <br> 17 was put into the relocation of the squatters on those <br> 18 occasions? How much money was spent? <br> 19 THE WITNESS: Are you asking me how much <br> 20 money FEGUA spent? <br> 21 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Yes. <br> 22 THE WITvESS: FEGUA took their workers, who | PAGE 1658 <br> 10:39:16 1 when you did the review, you, I think, found, but <br> 2 please tell me. That that contract never came into <br> 3 force; is that correct, as you were reviewing these <br> 4 past contracts? <br> 5 THE WITNESS: That is correct. Contract 41 <br> 6 was the very first one for the Usufruct of the railway <br> 7 equipment, and that contract included as one of the <br> 8 clauses that it had to be approved by Government <br> 9 Agreement. And since there was no Government <br> 10 Agreement for the approval, the Parties decided to <br> 1 draft a new agreement, and this Contract was <br> 12 considered terminated. <br> 13 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: If you could turn, <br> 14 please, to your First Statement, Paragraph 11, we have <br> 15 been told by an employee, a senior employee of FEGUA <br> 16 that up to 2000, when the then-President was about to <br> 17 leave office, that he both wrote letters to and <br> 18 personally came to the Office of the President to try <br> 19 to obtain executive approval for that contract. Do <br> 20 you have any knowledge of that? <br> 21 THE WITNESS: No, I don't. I didn't--I <br> 22 wasn't aware of that. |

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| PAGE 1659 <br> 10:41:14 1 <br> 2 to know that that is what we were told? <br> 3 THE WITNESS: Yes, it is surprising. I <br> 4 didn't--I wasn't aware of this before. <br> 5 ARBTTRATOR EIEENSTAT: In your review of the <br> 6 previous contracts, did you understand that Contract <br> 7 41 had been let for a bid, that there was a bid on 41? <br> 8 THE WITNESS: That is correct. <br> 9 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: And Contract 143 and <br> 10 then later in the same year, in 2003, Contract 158, <br> 11 were not submitted to a bid, as I understand it. Is <br> 12 that correct? <br> 13 THE WITNESS: That is correct. However, <br> 14 Contract 143 refers to the Bidding Terms of Contract <br> 15 41, but there was no bidding process. <br> 16 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: It was your view then <br> 17 at that time that there was no need for another bid <br> 18 since it already referred to Contract 41 which had had <br> 19 a bid, and it was simply a successor agreement <br> 20 incorporating many of the terms of 41? <br> 21 THE WITNESS: No. We thought, based on our <br> 22 conversations with the lawyers, that Contract 143 and | PAGE 1661 <br> $10: 44: 19$ 1 <br> 2 who did not have the authority to do so." <br> 3 Which contractor are you referring to there, <br> 4 and was the former Overseer? <br> 4 THE WITNESS: This is referring to Contract <br> 5 143 and $148-$-and 158, and the Overseer that signed <br> 6 this contract was Mr. Hugo Sarceno. <br> 7 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: You're saying here, <br> 8 and I just want to understand, that Mr. Sarceno, who <br> 9 was the Overseer of FEGUA, signed the Contracts, but <br> 10 you and perhaps your legal department determined that <br> 11 he signed those improperly? Is that what you're <br> 12 saying here? <br> 13 THE WITNESS: That is correct. <br> 14 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: And in your <br> 15 discussions with Ferrovias, did you say to them <br> 16 explicitly that it had been an error for your <br> 17 predecessor, Mr. Sarceno, to have signed these and, <br> 18 therefore, you needed to rectify that particular <br> 19 defect by getting the President to sign or by amending <br> 20 the Contract? on that specific issue, just on that <br> 21 issue. <br> 22 THE wITNESS: Yes. In the discussions we had |
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| 10:42:52 1 expansion 158 had legal defects. We could not tie 2 them to the Bidding Terms for Contract 41 that had 3 been held several years ago; therefore, we could not 4 attach that to that bidding process, and we thought that the Contract had legal deficiencies. We could 6 even say that it was illegal based on the Opinion of the lawyers. <br> 8 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: But there were then <br> 9 two subsequent contracts dealing with the equipment of <br> 1041 ; correct? There was 143 , and then later in the <br> 11 year 158; is that correct? <br> 12 THE WITNESS: Yes, but I'm saying is that the <br> 13 contracts had deficiencies. That is, 143 and 158, and <br> 14 Contracts 143 and 148 (sic) could not be linked to the <br> 15 Bidding Terms for a contract that had been carried out <br> 16 years ago. There was 41. But in Contract 143, <br> 17 reference is made to the Bidding Terms which is not 18 correct. <br> 19 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I would like to refer <br> 20 you back again to Paragraph 11. You say in the last <br> 21 sentence of that paragraph, "This meant that the <br> 22 Contract had been signed by FEGUA's former Overseer, | PAGE 1662 <br> 10:45:49 1 <br> 2 with Ferrovías, we did mention that it was fundamental <br> 3 contract had to be authorized by the President of the <br> 4 Republic. It was one of the negotiation items that we <br> 5 included for the drafting of a new contract. <br> 6 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Do you have a copy or <br> 7 perhaps your counsel would have a copy of the Draft <br> 8 Agreement you referred to? Would you be good enough-- <br> 9 MR. ORTA: Just to clarify for the record, <br> 10 and just a misstatement, we are not representing <br> 11 Mr. --you said your counsel. <br> 12 ARBITRATOR EIzENSTAT: Counsel for. <br> 13 MR. ORTA: R-50, R-51, and R-80 are the <br> 14 documents. R-50, R-51, and R-80. <br> 15 Are they in those binders? I don't know. I <br> 16 didn't put those binders together. <br> 17 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I have it in is this <br> 18 one here. <br> 19 MR. ORTA: If you would like, we can put them <br> 20 up on the sCreen, if you have questions about them. <br> 21 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: what I would ask, and <br> 22 perhaps counsel knows these documents better than we |

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| PAGE 1663 <br> 1663 <br> 10:47:10 1 do so that we don't have them reading every document, 2 but what I would like to know is if you could look at, <br> 3 let's start with 50, I suppose--that's the first--and <br> 4 would you be good enough to show us where in the Draft <br> 5 Agreement you sought to remedy the lack of both a bid 6 and executive approval. <br> 7 MR. ORTA: Mr. Eizenstat, if I could, just to 8 move the process along, if I could describe briefly <br> 9 what the documents are. <br> 10 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Yes, that would be 11 useful. <br> 12 MR. ORTA: As I understand it, R-50, which is <br> 13 the document that's up on the screen, is a draft that <br> 14 was sent by counsel for Ferrovías to FEGUA, and then <br> $15 \mathrm{R}-51$ and $\mathrm{R}-80$ are drafts that went back and forth, I <br> 16 believe, from FEGUA to-- <br> 17 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Thank you. <br> 18 MR. ORTA: So, this draft was not prepared or <br> 19 commented on by FEGUA. It was received by FEGUA, is <br> 20 what we understand from the face of the document and <br> 21 the e-mail. <br> 22 <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Okay. Perhaps it | PAGE 1665 <br> 10:52:09 1 need for Executive approval, would you be good enough <br> 2 to help the Tribunal by showing us where in this <br> 3 proposal those are referenced. <br> 4 I see on page, just to help out, this is the <br> 5 first time I've had the pleasure of reading this, but <br> 6 on Page 5, at least in the English version, it says <br> 7 the Contract shall be approved by Executive <br> 8 Resolution. <br> 9 MR. ORTA: Secretary Eizenstat, if you would like my input, I can give it-- <br> 11 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: All right. <br> 12 MR. ORTA: Okay, I'm sorry. It's Clause 6 of <br> the Draft Agreement, Clause 6. <br> 14 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Please, if you <br> 15 refer--this may be one, but I'm simple asking you, <br> 16 these are FEGUA documents. Please tell us where you <br> 17 were seeking to change the Agreement or rectify the <br> 18 two errors that were the basis for lesivo which was <br> 19 the lack of a bidding process, and the need for <br> 20 executive approval. Just please help the Tribunal by <br> 21 showing us where those are here. <br> 22 THe wiTNESS: It says six, term of the |
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| 10:48:26 1 would be more useful, then, to look at the documents <br> 2 that you sent back since that is something that was prepared presumably under your control. <br> MR. ORTA: R-51 would be one of them. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: So, would you be good <br> enough to look at the document that's been referred to <br> as $\mathrm{R}-51$, and if you could illuminate what specific <br> defects you were trying to correct in the original <br> Contract, please, and in particular the Presidential <br> approval and the bidding. <br> THE WITNESS: May I have a copy of the <br> document? <br> MR. ORTA: Again, the copy that we have has some highlighting. It's our copy. <br> 15 I think we have a clean copy for the witness. <br> 16 THE WITNESS: I need a document with a larger <br> font. <br> 18 (Witness reviews document.) <br> 19 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Would you be good <br> 20 enough to refer us to the particular provisions that <br> 21 dealt with the defects that were ultimately the <br> 22 subject of lesivo, the lack of public funding, and the | PAGE 1666 <br> 1666 <br> 10:55:27 1 Contract. The term of the Contract is, and the number 2 of years is not readable, and then in between <br> 3 parentheses it says, "In connection with the term of 4 the Contract, this shall be counted so that the term 5 is the same as the one applied to Contract 402, which 6 shall be effective 30 days after the publication in <br> 7 the Official Gazette of the Guatemalan Government, and <br> 8 this agreement shall take effect upon the signing of <br> 9 the instrument." <br> 10 Once again-- <br> 11 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Sir, please, I'm <br> 12 sorry. I just asked you a very simple question. <br> 13 Please refer the Tribunal to the specific references <br> 14 that would correct the defects on the bidding process <br> 15 and on Executive approval, not the duration, but just <br> 16 those defects. <br> 17 THE WITNESS: An important comment is that <br> 18 this is the draft of the Preliminary Agreement, and <br> 19 some of the concerns by FEGUA are included here. It <br> 20 says, "duration of the Contract which shall begin 30 <br> 21 days after the publication of the Executive Resolution <br> 22 approving this agreement in the official gazettes of |

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| 10:57:02 1 the Guatemalan Government." <br> 2 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Okay, and how about 3 the need for a re-bid? Is that referenced in here? 4 THE WITNESS: On Page 4, there is handwritten <br> 5 text by the counsel for FEGUA, and she emphasizes the 6 Bidding Terms. <br> 7 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Are you saying that 8 this called for a re-bid? <br> 9 THE WITNESS: We consider that that was one 10 of the conditions that had to be met according to the 11 attorneys. <br> 12 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I thought you answered <br> 13 Mr. Foster when he asked about a re-bid, saying--he <br> 14 asked you why you didn't re-bid, and you said because <br> 15 there might be other bidders that came in. Am I <br> 16 incorrect in remembering that? <br> 17 THE WITNESS: That was not the intent behind <br> 18 my statement. What I said is that based on the <br> 19 Opinion of the counsel, this type of Contract has to <br> 20 have its own Bidding Terms. And since the intent was <br> 21 to have a new contract for the Usufruct of the railway <br> 22 equipment, the attorneys are telling us that we need | 11:00:57 1 necessarily going to be the final document. We put 2 forth proposals that we felt should be put forth, and <br> 3 we received the counterproposals by Ferrovías. This 4 is not the final agreement. This is a draft contract. 5 ARBITRATOR EIZEISTRT: But is it the case <br> 6 that in the context of this new contract you were <br> 7 seeking, you were trying to reach a more comprehensive <br> 8 agreement with Ferrovías that dealt with a whole range <br> 9 of issues, including the terms of Canon payments and <br> 10 other issues that went beyond the specific need that <br> 11 you saw for executive approval and for a bid, that you <br> 12 were seeking a more comprehensive agreement? <br> 13 THE WITNESS: That is correct. We were <br> 14 trying to prepare a contract that met the expectations <br> 15 of FEGUA and of Ferrovías. The intention was at all <br> 16 times to negotiate so that both Parties could agree as <br> 17 to the language included in the Contract. That is why <br> 18 we put forth proposals and Ferrovías also put forth <br> 19 proposals. This was an agreement that had more <br> 20 comprehensive proposals, but this was a Draft <br> 21 Agreement. Like I said, we were open to any <br> 22 suggestion, to any proposal by Ferrovías. |
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| 10:59:07 1 to have Bidding Terms based on the law, and that is 2 the legal advice; therefore, it was necessary to have <br> 3 Bidding Terms, specific Bidding Terms, for the new contract. <br> 5 ARBITrATOR EIzENSTAT: This draft seems to <br> 6 include things that go beyond the Bidding Terms and <br> 7 Executive approval. For example, in--sorry. Again, <br> 8 it looks like Paragraph 6, the one with duration. <br> 9 There's a reference to the amount of 1.25 percent of <br> 10 net freight turnover. <br> 11 MR. ORTA: Secretary Eizenstat, I believe <br> 12 that's in Paragraph 7. <br> 13 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Thank you very much. <br> 14 So, are there certain terms in here that go <br> 15 beyond including this, the basis for lesividad, which <br> 16 was the absence of a bidding process and the absence <br> 17 of Presidential approval? <br> 18 THE WITNESS: There's an important issue <br> 19 which is the fact that this is a Draft Contract. This <br> 20 was being negotiated with Ferrovias's lawyers. These <br> 21 were proposals that we were putting forth, and we <br> 22 received proposals in return. This was not |  |

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| 11:04:32 1 lesividad was declared, was FEGUA and the Government <br> 2 trying to reach a comprehensive new agreement with <br> 3 Ferrovías that went beyond the legal defects and dealt with other concerns that the Government had? <br> 5 THE WITNESS: That is correct. We held 6 meetings, negotiation meetings, before and after the <br> 7 Declaration of Lesividad was issued and published. <br> 8 It is true we discussed other proposals both 9 by FEGUA and by Ferrovías. <br> 10 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Might it not have been <br> 11 easier, at least in retrospect, to simply cure the <br> 12 specific defects that were identified with respect to <br> 13143 and 158 rather than tying them in to a broader, <br> 14 more comprehensive renegotiation? <br> 15 THE WITNESS: What we had to renegotiate was <br> 16 143. 143 was an illegal Contract, and a new contract <br> 17 had to be entered into. Since we were not able to <br> 18 reach an agreement in connection with the new Draft <br> 19 Contract and prepare a new Railway Equipment Agreement <br> 20 and we did not reach an agreement with Ferrovías, we <br> 21 considered that the Contract was illegal. <br> 22 So, this situation did not have to do with | 11:07:36 1 lawful railway operation? <br> THE WITNESS: Because we were not able to <br> reach an agreement with Ferrovías. We tried on <br> several occasions and meetings to reach an agreement <br> with them, but we were not able to reach an agreement. <br> We were unable to do that. <br> 7 <br> ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: If you said to <br> Ferrovías, "Okay, we've discovered some legal problems <br> with this--with the existing Contract: First, it <br> 10 hasn't been ratified by the Executive Decree; and, <br> 11 second, although there was a bid process, it didn't <br> 12 relate to this Contract. Now, we propose to fix those <br> 13 two points up." Ferrovías would have agreed to that, 14 surely. <br> 15 THE WITNESS: Probably it would have agreed, <br> 16 and those were the proposals that we put forth. We <br> 17 wanted to make the situation--some situations more lax <br> 18 in favor of Ferrovías. If you look at the meetings <br> 19 after the lesividad, we see a series of flexible <br> 20 attitudes both on the part of the Government and of <br> 21 Ferrovías. We tried to do what you are saying, but no <br> 22 agreement was reached. There was no final agreement |
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| PAGE 1672 <br> 11:06:23 1 <br> 2 just amending 143. We were looking at preparing a new <br> 3 railway Equipment Contract without the irregularities <br> 4 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Could I try on this? <br> 5 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Yes. <br> 6 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Could I try and ask <br> 7 that question again because I don't think you quite <br> 8 understood, if I may say so, the points of Secretary <br> 9 Eizenstat's question. <br> 10 There were two deficiencies in the original <br> 11 Contract which made it illegal. <br> 12 THE WITNESS: Yes. <br> 13 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Now, it's one thing to <br> 14 have a new contract which rectifies those <br> 15 deficiencies. It's another thing to have a new <br> 16 contract that completely renegotiates the terms on <br> 17 which the enterprise is going to carry out its <br> 18 business. Why didn't you do the first? Why did you <br> 19 insist on the second? Why didn't you just stick to a <br> 20 contract which just dealt with--a new contract which <br> 21 just dealt with the two points of deficiency and leave <br> 22 the rest to be sorted out later on in the context of a | 11:09:08 1 in spite of the fact that a number of options were <br> 2 laid on the table to try and reach an agreement. The 3 Agreement was never reached. <br> 4 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I understand. Well, <br> 5 first of all, now we know why he's a Professor and I'm <br> 6 just a secretary because he could certainly more <br> 7 accurately state things, but it seems to me that the <br> 8 reason that there wasn't an agreement, and this is not <br> 9 saying there is fault on either side, is because a <br> 10 whole range of issues that went beyond the bidding and <br> 11 the executive approval were being negotiated. Is that <br> 12 not the case? <br> 13 THE WITNESS: When it comes to the lesivo <br> 14 nature of the Contract, we didn't really tie into any <br> 15 other agreement to this. We only worked with the <br> 16 Contract of Usufruct of Railway Equipment. Although <br> 17 it's true there were other aspects that we wanted to <br> 18 negotiate, well, everything was centered, however, on <br> 19 the Railway Equipment Contract. <br> 20 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Between 2003 when 143 <br> 21 and 158 were signed by Mr. Sarceno and Ferrovías in <br> 22 2006, was there the ability of Ferrovías to use |

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| 11:10:46 1 equipment pursuant to 143 and 158, notwithstanding the <br> legal defects that you mentioned? <br> 3 THE wiTNeSS: Ferrovías was using the railway <br> 4 equipment, but not on the basis of 143 and 158 . <br> 5 Ferrovías had a letter that authorized it to use their <br> 6 railroad equipment which was issued by an Overseer <br> before me. So, Ferrovías used the railway equipment <br> on the basis of an authorization issued out of a <br> former Overseer. <br> 10 ARBITRATOR EIZEISTAT: Now, you have said <br> already that that former Overseer did not have the <br> authority to sign the Agreement. Do you feel that <br> these letters of authorization by him are also <br> inappropriate? <br> 15 THE WITNESS: You say lack what exactly? <br> 16 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: You had already said <br> 17 that Mr. Sarceno signed the agreements but didn't have <br> 18 the authority to do so, so I'm asking now, since they <br> 19 were using equipment, in your testimony, pursuant to <br> 20 letters of authorization, were those letters of <br> 21 authorization from Mr. Sarceno or subsequent Overseers <br> 22 before you came? | 11:13:56 1 identified, well, what that showed was the goodwill of <br> 2 the officers of FEGUA at the time, the goodwill that <br> 3 they had not to block the use of the railway equipment <br> by Ferrovías. This was evidence of good faith in my <br> opinion and of cordial relations because they <br> authorized them to use their railway equipment. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Just a couple more <br> questions, thank you. Just a couple more questions. <br> (Tribunal conferring.) <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I think the President <br> would prefer that we take a short break now, and I <br> will be at his pleasure. <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: Since we have been going on <br> for more than two hours, and also in deference to the <br> Court Reporters and the interpreters, we will have a <br> break now, and we will reconvene at 11:30. <br> And the witness should not be approached by <br> either side. Thank you. <br> 19 MR. ORTA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. <br> 20 (Brief recess.) <br> 21 PRESIDENT RIGO: We are going to continue <br> 22 this session this morning. |
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| PAGE 1676 <br> 11:12:35 1 <br> 2 that allowed Ferrovías to use the railway equipment. <br> 3 They were not Contracts. They were just authorization <br> 4 letters. <br> 5 ARBITRATOR EITENSTAT: By whom? <br> 6 THE WITNESS: By the former Overseers. I <br> 7 wasn't involved in the issue because I did not issue <br> 8 any of those letters. <br> 9 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Were there more than <br> 10 one of your predecessors who issued those letters of <br> 11 authorization? <br> 12 THE WITNESS: As far as I understand, yes. I <br> 13 understand that Mr. Andreas Porras, and I don't <br> 14 exactly remember whether Eddy Minera also did. There <br> 15 were authorization letters before my tenure in FEGUA. <br> 16 ARBITRATOR EIzENSTAT: Do you think that that <br> 17 was inappropriate, as you look at it from your <br> 18 perspective, that they shouldn't have given those <br> 19 letters of authorization? <br> 20 THE WINNESS: I don't think it was improper. <br> 21 I think it was a matter that had to do with the fact <br> 22 that, well, if a contract had problems that had been |  |

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| 11:33:54 1 for others to learn or to find that in Guatemala it's 2 also possible to respect the law and that one should 3 respect the law. <br> 4 I do think that it is very important, <br> 5 Declaration of Lesividad of this sort because it's an 6 important matter for the country. <br> 7 ARBITRATOR EIEENSTAT: Did you or your <br> 8 attorneys ever consider any other options to cure the <br> 9 specific defects--that is, the absence of bid and the <br> 10 absence of executive approval--for example, going into <br> 11 Court for breach of contract or anything that was <br> 12 perhaps less consequential than a Lesivo Declaration? <br> 13 THE WITNESS: Let's recall that initially the <br> 14 Opinions issued by the Office of the Attorney General <br> 15 were already telling us that the Contract was Lesivo. <br> 16 If the Office of the Attorney General indicates to us <br> 17 that a Contract is Lesivo, then we have to follow the <br> 18 process. We cannot go back and make some other <br> 19 arrangement because there's already an opinion that is <br> 20 telling us that there is Lesividad before going to <br> 21 seek Declaration of Lesividad from the President of <br> 22 the Republic. | 11:37:07 1 validity of the Contracts when you determined that 2 negotiations were not succeeding, rather than take the step of Lesividad? <br> THE WITNESS: Yes, we had some meetings, and we did have discussions on this. Nonetheless, since the attorneys indicated to us that if we found any defect in any of the contracts, our obligation was to seek the Opinion of the Attorney General of the Nation, and that is why we did that. <br> 10 Nonetheless, it is quite clear that before <br> 11 anything else we sat down to negotiate with Ferrovías <br> 12 to try to cure these problems. No agreement was 13 reached. <br> 14 ARBTTRATOR EIZENSTAT: I understand that <br> 15 Ferrovías initiated some local arbitrations. Did <br> 16 FEGUA, on any of the issues here, initiate a local <br> 17 arbitration? <br> 18 THE WITNESS: I don't remember exactly. <br> 19 Nonetheless, this whole context is not related to the <br> 20 problem of 143 . This is a problem that we were <br> 21 dealing with specifically. I don't recall exactly <br> 22 whether arbitration was begun. I believe that |
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| PAGE 1680 <br> $11: 35: 28$ 1 <br> 2 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: And your Second <br> 3 You mentioned there, I believe, that instead of <br> 4 initiating legal actions to challenge the validity of <br> 5 Equipment Usufruct Contract 143/158, FEGUA tried to <br> 6 carry out negotiations in good faith in an attempt to <br> 7 rectify legal defects. Am I reading that correctly? <br> 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's right. <br> 9 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: So, was there a <br> 10 consideration given to legal actions to challenge the <br> 11 validity of the Contract? Rather than a Declaration <br> 12 of Lesividad? <br> 13 THE WITNESS: Could you please repeat the <br> 14 question so that I can be sure I'm understanding the <br> 15 context? <br> 16 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Yes, sir. <br> 17 This mentions that instead of taking legal <br> 18 action to challenge the validity of these contracts, <br> 19 you tried to carry out negotiations to rectify them, <br> 20 and I'masking, given what you've said here, were <br> 21 there discussions that you had with your Legal <br> 22 Department or with others at FEGUA to challenge the | PAGE 1682 <br> 11:38:44 1 arbitration was begun before the Arbitration Centre of <br> 2 the Chamber of commerce based on-well, I don't <br> 3 remember very well if it was Contract 402, but I don't <br> 4 remember exactly. <br> 5 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Okay. If you would <br> look at your First Statement, Paragraph 16 and 17. <br> This seems to reference a letter of April 12, 2005, as <br> to the Legal Coordinator of the Minister of <br> Communications talking about issues in dispute with <br> 10 Ferrovías, and in particular the legal defects in the <br> 11 Usufruct Contract. Is that your understanding of what <br> 12 this letter was about? <br> 13 THE WITNESS: Yes. <br> 14 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Then in Paragraph 17, <br> 15 it appears that there were a number of communications <br> 16 with Ferrovías, which again seem to go beyond the <br> 17 issue of a re-bid and executive approval to include <br> 18 nonfulfillment of the railway refurbishing plan, <br> 19 issues related to the Trust Contract. <br> 20 So, you were seeking here a sort of global <br> 21 comprehensive agreement, as I understand it; is that a <br> 22 fair characterization of what you're saying here? |

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| THE WITNESS: No, that is not the case. <br> 2 While it's true that we had some conversations with <br> 3 the Legal Department of the Ministry of <br> 4 Communications, in those conversations different <br> 5 topics were touched upon, but the question of the <br> 6 Railway Equipment Contract was a very well-defined <br> 7 issue that did not affect the other issues that we 8 were discussing. <br> 9 Logically, when we went to the Ministry of <br> 10 Communications, we would talk about all of the <br> 11 problems, including noncontractual problems that FEGUA <br> 12 might have, but the issue of the Usufruct Contract for <br> 13 the Rail Equipment was a specific issue, and it was <br> 14 treated specifically. <br> 15 Logically, in the context of the <br> 16 conversations that were held, other issues were also <br> 17 discussed, but each one was addressed specifically. <br> 18 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Let me close with <br> 19 trying to better understand this issue of executive <br> 20 approval. We have a term here after a famous book, <br> 21 Catch-22. I don't know if you've ever heard of that, <br> 22 but it's an English-American term perhaps, but it | 11:43:26 1 the ones who prepared the text. That is the information that I have. Of course, I wasn't there, but according to what I've been told by the lawyers, these texts were drawn up by the lawyers for Ferrovías. <br> 6 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: So the lawyers from <br> Ferrovías drafted three defective contracts, and yet they were the ones who then came to you and said they're defective, and we have to change them; am I missing something? <br> THE WITNESS: That is correct. It is my understanding that they were the ones who drafted the contracts; and, nonetheless subsequently, they, themselves, tried to have--make contact in order to draw up a new Usufruct Contract. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: SO, they made the <br> mistake three times and then they came back and said we realized we made a mistake three times, and this Contract is going to be Lesivo unless we correct our own mistake? Is that a fair way of putting it? THE WITNESS: I think that in the case of 22 Contract 41 the only thing missing was authorization |
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| PAGE 1684 <br> $11: 42: 04$ 1 <br> 2 seems to me that you had a situation, as laid out in <br> 3 already referred, in which first you had Contract 41 <br> 4 which did not have executive approval, so it was <br> 5 abandoned, or it didn't go into legal effect; correct? <br> 6 THE WITNESS: That is right. <br> 7 ARBITRATOR EIEENSTAT: Then you have 143 you <br> 8 tried again, 143 and 158, and it didn't have--it <br> 9 wasn't written to require executive approval. You <br> 10 said several times it expressly did not require that; <br> 11 is that correct? <br> 12 THE wITNESS: That is right, even though it <br> 13 should have been an essential requirement given the <br> 14 type of contract. In the Contract it said, in the <br> 15 text, that approval by the highest level of authority <br> 16 was not necessary. <br> 17 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: So who is drafting <br> 18 these contracts? 41, 143, $158 ?$ Who was drafting <br> 19 them? Under whose supervision? Was it FEGUA that was <br> 20 doing it or the Ministry of Communications? <br> 21 THE WITNESS: As I understand it, the ones <br> 22 who drafted the Contracts were the Ferrovias lawyers, | PAGE 1686 <br> $11: 44: 57$ 1 <br> 2 by the President of the Republic. I don't know why it <br> 3 wpproved. Nonetheless, in Contract 143 and <br> 4 defects which subsequently were sought to be cured by <br> 5 drawing up a new contract. <br> 6 So, from the outset, in my view--I'm not an <br> 7 attorney--and based on the information that our <br> 8 attorneys told me, contracts 143 and 158 were drawn up <br> 9 with a substantial error or material error, and that <br> 10 is why for us they were illegal contracts. <br> 11 ARBTIRATOR EIZENSTAT: But did you ever ask <br> 12 those attorneys if they had now determined that this <br> 13 was so serious an error as to declare Lesividad, why <br> 14 they had made the mistake in drafting the contracts <br> 15 themselves without this? <br> 16 THE WITNESS: Logically, I didn't have such <br> 17 fluid communication with the Ferrovías lawyers to ask <br> 18 them this. <br> 19 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Not Ferrovías' <br> 20 lawyers. Your own lawyers. They're the ones that <br> 21 drafted the Contract. Did you say to them, why are <br> 22 you now saying that we need executive approval when  |

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| 11:46:22 1 you drafted contracts which didn't require that? <br> THE WITNESS: It is my understanding that <br> Contract 143--it's my understanding that Contract 143 <br> 4 and 158 were not drawn up by FEGUA's lawyers, but <br> 5 rather they were drawn up by the other Party's <br> 6 lawyers, and they were presented to the FEGUA Overseer on that occasion. <br> Indeed, I remember having had conversations <br> with the legal counsel to FEGUA at that time who <br> indicated to the Overseer Sarceno that he should not <br> sign that Contract because it wasn't correct, and Overseer Sarceno didn't pay attention to that advice and signed the Contract. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: SO, I'm a little <br> uncertain about this. You're now saying that 143 and <br> 158 were not initiated by FEGUA but by Ferrovías? <br> 17 THE WITNESS: The text, aS I understand it, <br> 18 according to what was communicated to me, the text was <br> 19 drawn up by attorneys for Ferrovías. That is what I <br> 20 understand. I repeat, I wasn't there. I didn't see <br> 21 it. I don't know if it was really them who drew up <br> 22 the Contract, but according to the information that I | Did you make any effort to go to the <br> 2 President and say, "we have a defect here with respect <br> to signature. If you'll sign this, it will correct <br> that defect"? <br> 5 THE WITNESS: I did not do so because, in the <br> 6 first case that you mentioned, Contract 41 did have <br> all of the elements that were correct, except for authorization by the President of the Republic. I <br> don't know why it wasn't signed by the President of the Republic at the time, but in the case of Contract 143 and its Amendment 158, I could not ask the President to sign an authorization for that Contract, since in the text of the Contract it says that authorization by the President of the Republic is unnecessary, which, according to the lawyers, is not correct. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZEISTAT: Thank you. <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: Mr. Orta. On the Tribunals <br> questions. <br> MR. ORTA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. <br> Secretary Eizenstat, for the benefit of the <br> 22 Tribunal, since you asked about this, in relation to |
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| 11:48:02 1 was given, the contracts had been drawn up by 2 Ferrovías lawyers. <br> ARBITRATOR EIEENSTAT: Did you see--were you shown any document from the legal advisors to FEGUA in which they said to Mr. Sarceno you must not sign this because it would be illegal to do so without executive approval? <br> THE WITNESS: I don't remember exactly. I <br> think that I did read on some occasion a note directed to Overseer Sarceno by the lawyer. I don't remember 1 the name exactly. Nonetheless, on some occasion I spoke with this attorney, and he told me that in effect he had warned Overseer Sarceno that those contracts weren't proper and that he shouldn't sign them. Nevertheless, Overseer Sarceno ignored that warning and signed them. The reasons why he decided to do so, well, that I can't tell you. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I mentioned that we've heard testimony from one of your predecessors about efforts he made in I believe it was the Year 2000 to get the then-President to sign the Contract and was 22 unsuccessful. | 11:51:14 1 the lawyer who advised Mr. Sarceno, there is a 2 statement of his on the record. It's a sworn <br> statement by Mario Cifuentes, and then the document <br> where he gave Mr. Sarceno his conclusions about having reviewed the draft is Document $R-4$. <br> 6 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Thank you. <br> 7 FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION <br> 8 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 9 Q. Dr. Gramajo, you were asked some questions by <br> 10 Secretary Eizenstat about the Draft R-51--the draft of <br> 11 a potential new contract for the railway equipment <br> 12 that was being discussed between FeGUA and Ferrovías, <br> 3 and Secretary Eizenstat asked you about the Section 7 <br> of that clause relating to the Canon payments. If we could put up, if possible, Kelby, C-51, Section 7--I'm sorry, $\mathrm{R}-51$, Section 7 , and $\mathrm{C}-25$, which is the Contract 143, and just compare the text of the two to see if there are any differences. <br> 19 I believe the question that was asked to you <br> 20 was whether and why there were new Canon payments <br> 21 being discussed in the context of this potential new <br> 22 Railway Equipment Contract. |


|  | 11:56:57 1 and on what basis? <br> 2 A. 1.25 percent for the exclusive use of the equipment, said percentage shall equal 1.25 percent. <br> Q. And over what base? <br> A. Of the net freight turnover or net value of freight. <br> Q. If you could look at Contract R-51, which is a Draft Agreement exchange between the Parties after the execution of 143 and 158 and tell us what is the Canon payment that was to be paid pursuant to that Draft Agreement? <br> A. Seven, amount of the negotiation. <br> Q. Don't read the whole thing. Just tell me what was the net freight--I'm sorry, what was the freight--the Canon payment, excuse me, that was to be paid. <br> A. This percentage shall be 1.25 percent of the net value of the freight invoicing. <br> 19 Q. Is it the same freight in both the executed 143 and the Draft Agreement? <br> 21 A. Yes, it is. It's the same. <br> 22 Q. You were asked some questions by Secretary |
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| 11:55:07 1 A. I'm sorry, I have R-50 and R-51. <br> 2 Q. I'm sorry. We need C-25, and R-51 it appears 3 he already has. <br> 4 MR. ORTA: We have a copy of C-25 here. But 5 it has a little bit of highlighting, I don't know if 6 that's a problem. If it is, we'll look for one that has no highlighting. If the Tribunal has no objection, we'll provide it to-- <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: If Mr. Foster has no problem with it, that's fine with us. <br> We have highlighting on the screen. <br> BY MR. ORTA: <br> Q. Okay. Now you have before you Contract 143, and my question is: What is the Canon payment to be paid pursuant to that Contract? <br> (Lost interpretation.) <br> Q. It is Section 7. I believe I handed you the document with Section 7. <br> A. Here it says disputes--no, I'm sorry, that's 17. Seven, the amount of the negotiations. <br> 21 Q. I just want you to answer for the Tribunal <br> 22 what is the percentage of the Canon that is to be paid | PAGE 1694 <br> 11:58:49 1 <br> 2 Eizenstat about why it was that the Parties were <br> 2 negotiating a number of issues in 2006, and leading to <br> 3 the eventual Declaration, Lesivo Declaration, <br> 4 regarding the Equipment Contracts. I believe <br> 5 Professor Crawford also asked you some questions about <br> 6 that. <br> 7 Do you recall attending a meeting in March of <br> 8 2006 at the or with President Berger at which <br> 9 representatives of Ferrovías were there? <br> 10 A. Yes, I do. <br> 11 Q. And during that meeting did Ferrovias ask <br> 12 President Berger to address a number of disputes <br> 13 between the Parties, including the issue of the <br> 14 payments to the Trust Fund and the issue of their <br> 15 allegation that FEGUA was not sufficiently complying <br> 16 with its obligation to evict squatters? <br> 17 A. That is right. Those issues were raised by <br> 18 Mr. Posner. <br> 19 Q. At that meeting, did Mr. Posner also raise <br> 20 with President Berger the issue of lack of financing <br> 21 with respect to the project and seek assistance from <br> 22 President Berger with respect to financing so that |

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| 12:00:19 1 they could carry out the restoration of the railway? <br> 2 A. I remember that at that meeting what was <br> 3 discussed was that Ferrovías needed local investors to 4 be able to carry out its railway projects. <br> 5 So, that was one of the situations Ferrovías <br> 6 said--Mr. Posner said that the railway projects needed <br> 7 investors to--in order to be able to carry them out. <br> I don't remember anything else about this issue of investments. <br> 10 PRESIDENT RICO: One last question. <br> 11 MR. ORTA: Thank you. <br> 12 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 13 Q. If we could quickly put up $R-37$, please, and <br> 14 if you have a Spanish version for--is this the only <br> 15 Spanish version we have here? R-37? If you can put <br> 16 it up, perhaps maybe in both Spanish and English just <br> 17 to save some time. <br> 18 And, sir, while the document is being put up, <br> 19 for the record $\mathrm{R}-37$ is-are meeting minutes of <br> 20 negotiation meetings that were taking place between <br> 21 the Government and Ferrovías, and this particular <br> 22 meeting minutes are for meetings taken place on the | PAGE 1697 <br> 12:03:40 1 without the defects that we had previously identified. 2 At that meeting, Mr. Senn said that the drafting of a 3 new contract was not fundamental because the future 4 expansion plans for Ferrovías included wide gauge or standard gauge equipment, that he was no longer interested in having this new Usufruct Contract for the railway equipment. <br> MR. ORTA: I have nothing further. Nothing further. <br> (Pause.) <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: I thought you were thinking <br> because of the translation. The time it needs to be interpreted. <br> MR. FOSTER: NO. <br> Thank you, Mr. President. <br> RECROSS-EXAMINATION <br> BY MR. FOSTER: <br> Q. Dr. Gramajo, you told Secretary Eizenstat <br> that Contracts 143 and 158 , you said we could even say <br> that they were illegal, and then at another time you <br> said Contract 143 was an illegal contract, and it had <br> 2 to be renegotiated, and then another time you said |
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| PAGE 1696 <br> 12:02:04 1 4th of October 2006. <br> 2 MR. FOSTER: I object to the characterization <br> 3 of there being meeting minutes. These are internal <br> notes of the Government which were never given to Ferrovías. <br> BY MR. ORTA: <br> Q. Okay. Now, sir, looking at the section of the meeting minutes dated-I'm sorry, looking at the section of the minutes that referred to contract 143--Kelby, if you could just highlight that--and also the Spanish version, and then my question. <br> Again, sorry, for the record, these are dated 4 October 2006. <br> During these or during this particular <br> meeting, do you recall Mr. Jorge Senn expressing the view that from Ferrovías' standpoint, the drafting of a new equipment contract was of secondary priority, given the plans to change the railroad system to wide gauge? <br> A. Yes, that is correct. As part of the meetings, we were proposing as usual to negotiate a 22 new contract for the Usufruct of the railway equipment | 12:04:52 1 that FVG was not using the railway equipment pursuant 2 to Contract 143. <br> 3 Would you please look at an opinion you got 4 from the Attorney General of Guatemala? It is C-108 5 at Tab 20. <br> I'm sorry, I said the wrong thing. It's from the Legal Department of FEGUA, your Legal Department that you say you were relying on. Yes, Tab 20. <br> MR. ORTA: Just so that the record is clear, I believe he testified that he was relying on a number of legal opinions not just this one. <br> MR. FOSTER: We note your argument, David. <br> MR. ORTA: It's just a correction for the record, Allen. <br> BY MR. FOSTER: <br> Q. Do you have that in front of you? Look at the portion that says "Regarding Subsection $A$ ". <br> And that first sentence reads-- <br> A. I'm sorry, but I'm not sure this is the document. This is a request by the Attorney General of the Republic. That's what I have here. <br> 22 Q. He'll give you the correct document. |

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|  | 12:10:00 1 points being negotiated was in connection with the 2 railway historical equipment. <br> Q. And wasn't another point that you wanted to negotiate, didn't it have to do with the <br> cannibalization of equipment and what you contended was inadequate equipment appraisals? <br> A. That is correct. <br> Q. And weren't you also trying to obtain a <br> Technical Commission to be set up to determine the real value of the equipment? <br> A. Correct. <br> Q. And aren't these the things that you say in Paragraph 20 of your First Statement were the reasons that you failed to reach agreement in connection with the renegotiation of contracts 143 and 158? <br> A. Let me look at my statements. Would you please tell me again the page, the paragraph number? <br> Q. Paragraph 20 in your First Statement. <br> A. Yes, I have it in front of me. <br> Q. And my question is: Weren't the matters that I was just bringing to your attention that you agreed |
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| 12:08:19 1 Secretary Eizenstat about whether or not the <br> 2 negotiations concerning the amendment of Contracts 143 <br> 3 and 158, whether you desired a global solution to a <br> 4 number of problems. <br> 5 It's a fact, is it not, sir, that you wanted <br> 6 to obtain a return of certain nonoperational <br> 7 historical assets that had been granted to FECUA--to <br> 8 Ferrovías under the Usufruct? Wasn't that one of your <br> 9 negotiating desires? <br> 10 A. One of the negotiation points was for <br> 11 Ferrovías to return to FEGUA the historical--rather, <br> 12 the historical railway equipment that was <br> 13 nonoperational. <br> 14 Let us also remember that there is a Cultural <br> 15 Cooperation Agreement between FBGUA and Ferrovías that <br> 16 stated the same. That is to say that Ferrovías could <br> 17 return to FeGua historical equipment that was not <br> 18 operational upon request. <br> 19 But in spite of several requests it was not <br> 20 possible to do so; therefore, one of the concerns we <br> 21 had during our activities as Overseers was to preserve <br> 22 some of the historical equipment, and one of the | PAGE 1702 <br> 12:11:49 1 were the subject of the negotiation, weren't they the 2 reasons that you say that the Parties failed to reach 3 agreement? <br> 4 MR. ORTA: Allen, if you could just clarify <br> 5 it as to timeframe, please, so that the record is 6 accurate. <br> $7 \quad$ VR. FOSTER: Well, the timeframe is the one 8 he sets forth in his Statement, 2004, when they were 9 renegotiating. <br> 10 THe wITNESS: it is true, it is correct. One 11 of our concerns, as I was mentioning before was the <br> 12 preservation of the historical railway equipment, and <br> 13 one of the negotiation points was for FEGUA to <br> 14 preserve the historical railway equipment that was <br> 15 nonoperational; that is to say, that it was not useful <br> 16 to Ferrovías, and that was one of the points that we <br> 17 were unable to reach an agreement on, and that's what <br> 18 I also mentioned. <br> 19 BY MR. FOSTER: <br> 20 Q. And nowhere in Paragraph 20 where you're <br> 21 discussing the reasons you were unable to reach <br> 22 agreement do you say anything about the fact that |

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| 12:13:04 1 there had not been executive approval of the Contract or the fact that no public bidding had been--had been conducted? None of that is in there, is it, sir? <br> A. In this paragraph precisely? That information is not included, but the meetings we held had the Parties participate to discuss the non-authorization by the higher authority. So, these were auxiliary negotiations that we were having with them. <br> Q. You were also asked about the local <br> arbitrations that Ferrovías brought against FEGUA. <br> Did FEGUA ever consider counterclaiming in those local arbitrations for any alleged breaches, that Ferrovías was in breach of any of its agreements? <br> A. I don't remember right now. <br> Q. In any event, we do know that you never did file any counterclaim, don't we? <br> A. I don't remember. <br> Q. You were referred to drafts of the revised Contracts 143, in particular Exhibits R-51 and R-80. Do you have any evidence to show that either 22 one of those documents was ever sent to Ferrovías? | 12:16:43 1 they could include their observations, too. <br> Q. I know you say you resent it to Ferrovías, but the question I'm asking you is: Do you have any evidence, any written evidence, to show that you sent it to them? <br> 6 A. I don't have any written evidence, but I assure you that that was the case. <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you. <br> Mr. Gramajo, thank you very much for your <br> Statement. You can now leave the room. <br> THE WITNESS: Thank you very much, and have all a nice day. <br> (Witness steps down.) <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: You know, we have two expert <br> witnesses on the legal side. I would suggest from the <br> Tribunal to break now and to meet early in the <br> afternoon, in an hour's time, at 1:15. Would that be convenient to everybody? <br> MR. ORTA: Yes, from the Respondent. <br> MR. FOSTER: Yes, sir. <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: Okay. Very good. So, let's <br> break now, and we will reconvene at 1:15. Thank you. |
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| 12:14:56 1 A. One of these documents was sent by Ferrovías <br> 2 to FgGUA for it to be discussed by the Legal <br> 3 Department. <br> 4 There's also a communication by FECUA where <br> 5 we show that the document was received, and the Legal <br> 6 Department of FEGUA is asked to examine the document <br> 7 and also to make the observation deemed pertinent. <br> 8 MR. FOSTER: Maybe my question, if I could <br> 9 just ask it a slightly different way, Mr. President. <br> 10 BY MR. FOSTER: <br> 11 Q. The Exhibit R-51 shows a number of comments <br> 12 on it by what appears to be someone in FEGUA. Do you <br> 13 have any evidence to show that you ever sent that <br> 14 commented-upon document to Ferrovías? <br> 15 A. I have here in my hands a copy of the e-mails <br> 16 sent by Ferrovías' counsel, and I have my own notes to <br> 17 the Legal Department of Ferrovías, and I also <br> 18 indicated that the meeting to address this issue had <br> 19 to be held at PEGUA's location or at some neutral <br> 20 point and that FEGUA's attorneys had to attend or the <br> 21 financial head, if possible. We corrected this Draft <br> 22 Agreement, and we resent this to Ferrovías so that | PAGE 1706  <br> 12:17:57  <br> 2 (Whereupon, at 12:17 p.m., the hearing was <br> 3  <br> 4  <br> 5  <br> 6  <br> 7  <br> 8  <br> 9  <br> 10  <br> 11  <br> 12  <br> 13  <br> 14  <br> 15  <br> 16  <br> 17  <br> 18  <br> 19  <br> 20  <br> 21  |

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| APTRRTOON SESSION <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: SO, we are starting the <br> afternoon session. Good afternoon. <br> bdoardo mayora, CLAimant's winness, Cailed <br> PRESTDENT RIGO: Good afternoon, Mr. Mayora. <br> Would you please read the Expert Declaration. <br> the wisvess: Yes, Mr. Chairman. <br> Good afternoon to everyone. <br> I solemnly declare upon my honor and <br> conscience that my statement will be in accordance <br> with my sincere belief. <br> PRESTDENT RIGO: Mr. Stern. <br> Mr. STERI: Thank you, Mr. President. <br> Before I begin, Mr. Foster wanted me to <br> convey his apologies for not being here this afternoon <br> and to assure you that he's not playing hookey. He's <br> working on matters for tomorrow, and that's why he's <br> not here. <br> DIRECT EXAMINATION <br> By Mr. STERN: <br> Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Mayora. <br> A. Hello. | 01:22:13 1 be liable for resolving one way or another basically 2 because, although, of course, under our Constitution <br> 3 and our statutes, any public official acting outside <br> 4 the boundaries of the law would be personally liable, 5 severally and jointly liable, with the State for the 6 damages caused to any third party. This is a matter 7 of acting illegally. <br> 8 But the law gives the President and his <br> 9 Cabinet the powers and the discretion to declare <br> 10 whether an act of Government would be contrary to the <br> 11 interests of the State, and this is a matter of <br> 12 discretion. This is a matter where the President and <br> 13 his Cabinet are supposed to deliberate and exercise <br> 14 their best judgment and care. <br> 15 Q. Another question the Tribunal has asked the <br> 16 Parties to address is whether under Guatemalan law is <br> 17 it permissible for the Government and the affected <br> 18 private party to negotiate or reach a settlement <br> 19 agreement on a declaration of lesividad as opposed to <br> 20 having to wait for the Administrative Court to confirm <br> 21 or reject such a declaration. Could you set forth <br> 22 your views on this issue. |
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| 01:20:48 $1 \quad$ Q. Do you have in front of you copies of the 2 three expert opinions you have submitted in this arbitration dated June 18, 2009, October 16, 2009, and March 14, 2011? <br> A. I believe there are only two of those here. <br> Q. We will get you the third one in a second, but we can go on. <br> Do you ratify the three Opinions you have submitted in this proceeding and affirm their truthfulness before the Tribunal? <br> A. Yes, I do. <br> Q. Okay. Now, I want to first ask you a couple of questions that the Tribunal has specifically asked the Parties to address in this proceeding, and the first one I want to ask you is the question of the President's personal liability or potential personal liability under Guatemalan law for not issuing a Lesivo Declaration when it's been recommended to him by his legal advisers. Could you explain your views on that topic. <br> A. Yes. In my Opinion, in the matter of lesividad, neither the President nor his Cabinet would | 01:23:46 1 A. Yes. The law, the statute that regulates the 2 Office of the Attorney General does provide for the possibility of the President of the Republic issuing 4 instructions to the Attorney General's Office to enter 5 into negotiations conducive to a possible settlement. 6 However, in this particular case, it is my opinion that, since the Explanatory Statement that's in the record that supports the issuing of the Declaration of 9 Lesivo has been founded on legal technicalities or on alleged illegalities, then this has made it impossible to enter into negotiations conducive to a settlement because, as it were, you cannot say, well, give me this much money and I'll forget about this legal requirement or that other legal requirement not being necessary. <br> So, therefore, in my opinion, the way in <br> which the Declaration of Lesivo was issued this particular situation, the possibility of entering into negotiations conducive to a settlement became for closed-door--was made impossible. <br> 21 Q. Now, let me ask you a question about a 2 different issue. |

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| 01:25:33 $1 \quad$ Respondent's Guatemalan Legal Expert <br> 2 Mr. Aguilar has opined that Contracts 143 ask 158 were <br> 3 absolutely null and void ab initio under Guatemalan <br> 4 law, and he further insists that is a declaration of <br> 5 lesividad was the only legal means available to the <br> 6 Government of Guatemala to seek the nullification of <br> 7 Contracts 143 and 158. In your opinion, is <br> 8 Mr. Aguilar correct? <br> 9 A. I must respectfully disagree with my <br> 10 colleague because the legal order of Guatemala, as I <br> 11 believe is the case in most continental European legal <br> 12 systems affords specific actions in order to claim <br> 13 that there is either absolute nullity or relative 14 nullity. <br> 15 And in case it would be an administrative <br> 16 Contract that is believed to be either voidable or <br> 17 absolutely null, the action would have to be taken to <br> 18 the Administrative Court, the Tribunalo de Contencioso <br> 19 Administrativo, and in case it were a civil contract, <br> 20 the Usufruct happens to be a civil Contract, the <br> 21 matter should issue taken to a civil judge in order <br> 22 for the judge to declare whether there is absolute | 01:28:52 1 in Paragraph 83 of his Second Expert Report he argues <br> 2 that the specific State interests that were harmed by <br> 3 Contract 143 were the loss of usage and Usufruct of the railroad equipment, which was appropriated by Ferrovías. <br> 6 In your opinion, were of any of these alleged <br> State interest appropriate grounds for declaring <br> Contracts 143 and 158 harmful to the interests of the State? <br> A. No. In my opinion, neither could be <br> reasonably considered as being a basis for such Declaration of Lesividad. <br> As it pertains to the principle of the rule <br> of law, this is a very fundamental principle of the whole legal system and the Constitution and in the laws of the Republic. It is a lot more important and of a lot greater entity than just the interest of the State. It is the fundamental basis of the whole system, and it's the notion that every public official, that every governmental agency, that every 21 State entity must abide by law, and that where any 22 infringement or any violation would take place, then |
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| PAGE 1712 <br> 01:27:11 1 <br> 2 nullity. <br> 2 In my opinion, a Declaration of Lesividad is <br> 3 an exceptional means to analyze any kind of nullity, <br> 4 whether absolute or relative, because it is more, in <br> 5 my opinion, a legal means for the State to <br> 6 exceptionally go back and repudiate its own acts <br> 7 because it considers the consequences of those acts to <br> 8 be contrary to the interests of the State. And this <br> 9 is an exception in a number of ways, but most <br> 10 importantly it is an exception because usually, as it <br> 11 is provided for in our Civil code, usually the one <br> 12 Party that has intervened to create or to at least <br> 13 produce a cause leading to nullity cannot pursue an <br> 14 action to have that declared. <br> 15 So, lesividad is clearly an exception, and it <br> 16 is exceptionally utilized in order to examine whether <br> 17 some act has been contrary to the interests of the <br> 18 State. <br> 19 Q. Let me ask you about a different subject. In <br> 20 Paragraph 21 of his First Expert Report, Mr. Aguilar <br> 21 argues that the specific State interest does which was <br> 22 harmed by Contract 143 was the rule of law, and then | PAGE 1714 <br> 1714 <br> 01:30:23 1 the affected Parties would have access and recourse to <br> 2 an independent Court of Justice so that the wrongs be righted. <br> 4 <br> So, the rule of law is an overriding <br> principle, and it's a lot more important in every <br> sense than the interest of the State. <br> 7 Secondly, as regards the laws of usage as <br> it's being worded in the paragraph that you mentioned, <br> well, I fail to understand how this could be a reason <br> to declare the Contract harmful to the interests of <br> the State because you cannot possibly, as our <br> Government did, you cannot possibly call for an <br> international public bidding process in order to hand <br> the administration and the operation of the railway <br> system to the private sector without losing the usage <br> of the railway equipment. It would be a contradiction <br> in terms to say, well, I want the railway system to be <br> run by a private company, and then at the same time I <br> want to keep the usage of the railway equipment. It is simply not possible. <br> 21 Q. Respondent's Expert on Mr. Aguilar argues <br> 22 that Contracts 143 and 158 were lesivo and absolutely |

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| 01:32:03 1 null and void under Guatemalan law because the <br> 2 Contract was not awarded pursuant to a new public <br> 3 bidding process, and it was never approved by the <br> 4 President by Executive Resolution. Do you agree with 5 Mr . Aguilar? <br> 6 A. No. I think that is not right. I don't <br> 7 agree with that view for some few reasons. The first <br> 8 one is that the bidding process that's being discussed <br> 9 here is a process that led to the negotiation of the <br> 10 Usufruct Contract. If one looks at the Bidding Terms <br> 11 of Reference, what one finds that the winning bidder <br> 12 had the right to sit down and negotiate a Usufruct <br> 13 Contract within a certain framework; therefore, there <br> 14 was there was a clear winner. No one has contested <br> 15 that Ferrovías was the winner of the bid, and so they <br> 16 sat down to negotiate Contract 41. And then, as the <br> 17 Tribunal knows and has heard arguments in a number of <br> 18 presentations, this led to a number of events that <br> 19 finally materialized in Contracts 143 and 158. <br> 20 And the way I see it is that this is a <br> 21 process of negotiation that, as it is declared <br> 22 explicitly in those two contracts, is the consequence | 01:35:40 1 record, explaining why the Government had decided that 2 a number of services and State companies had to become 3 privatized, or at least incorporated as it was also 4 called. It explains why the Government had decided to 5 go on and pursue this path of privatization. 6 And if one reads the Terms of Reference for 7 the bidding process, one finds again that it is the <br> 8 Government of the Republic, not the Overseer of FEGUA, <br> 9 that has decided to pursue this privatization and to <br> 10 pursue this bidding process and these agreements or <br> 11 contracts with the winner of the bid. And so, there <br> 12 is clearly a Presidential approval there. It is <br> 13 explicit in most all of those documents leading to the <br> 14 bidding process and its consequences. <br> 15 So to be more precise, what's being claimed <br> 16 here is, I think, that an ex post ratification didn't <br> 17 take place. Now, the point is that there isn't any <br> 18 rule, there isn't any statute requiring an ex post <br> 19 ratification, but an approval there was, and it is <br> 20 mentioned everywhere, and this is a project that our <br> 21 Government was promoting and trying to get to <br> 22 completion. |
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| 01:33:53 1 of that bidding process. This is not an independent 2 negotiation. These are not independent Contracts that have been signed or executed by FEGUA's Overseer on his own volition. These are the ultimate consequence of that bidding process. <br> And as to whether these contracts are absolutely null and void because of a lack of a second bidding process, well, I think that this is, again, contradictory because if one alleges that a second bidding process is required, one is saying that the initial one didn't suffice to enter into the agreement that is being examined. <br> So, in my opinion, the notion that a second <br> bidding process was required misses the point that <br> this has been a continuum leading ultimately to those two contracts. <br> Q. And just what about executive approval? <br> A. Oh, yes. <br> Well, yet again, I think that to say that the <br> 20 President or his Cabinet or the Government didn't <br> 21 approve of this process is impossible. The President <br> 22 and his Cabinet issued an accord that is in the | 01:37:25 1 Q. Thank you, Dr. Mayora. You can now answer questions from Guatemala's counsel. <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: Mr. Orta. <br> MR. ORTA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. <br> CROSS-EXAMINATION <br> BY MR. ORTA: <br> Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Mayora. How are you? <br> A. Fine, thank you. Good afternoon, counselor. <br> Q. I'd like to reconstruct a little bit what may <br> have been the situation for President Berger when he <br> took this decision. In order to do that, I want to <br> walk you through a little bit of the chronology of <br> what happened leading up to the point where President <br> Berger was asked to make the Declaration of Lesividad <br> with respect to Contracts 143 and 158. <br> 16 To do that, I'd like to show you some <br> 17 documents. We are putting before you some notebooks. <br> 18 Don't be alarmed by their size. I will point out to <br> 19 you the documents that we're going to discuss, and we 20 will also put them up on the screen, okay? <br> 21 A. Yes, sir. <br> 22 Q. All right. First of all, you're aware that |

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| 01:38:26 1 the decision made by the President to declare <br> 2 Contracts 143 and 158 lesivo arise from a request made <br> 3 by the Overseer of FEGUA; correct? <br> A. Yes, sir. <br> Q. And that request was made to the Overseer of FeGUA in January of 2006, in particular 13th of January 2006. Do you recall that? <br> A. Made to the Overseer or by the Overseer? <br> Q. Made by the Overseer to the President on that date, January 13, 2006. <br> A. I don't know the exact date, but it's about that time, yes. <br> Q. Okay. And do you recall that--I assume you studied the record in some detail? <br> A. Yes, I did. <br> Q. So, then you probably recall that the Overseer of FEGUA, Dr. Gramajo, started looking into <br> 18 the defects with Contracts 143 and 158 when he was <br> 19 first told about those by his Legal Department back in <br> 20 the beginning of 2004, just after he entered into his <br> 21 charge as the Overseer. Do you recall that? <br> 22 A. I have seen letters or opinions of FEGUA's | 01:41:10 1 letter where he was seeking her advice on the issue of whether the Contract 143/158 was lesivo or not. <br> A. Yes. <br> Q. And do you recall as a result of that <br> inquiry, the Ministry of Communications hired an outside law firm, Palacios and Asociados, which is a law firm based in Guatemala; correct? <br> A. I recall seeing documents signed by them. I don't know whether there was any hiring as a consequence of this, but it sounds like a normal thing to do, yeah. <br> Q. Okay. And do you recall seeing, I think it's the Exhibit $\mathrm{C}-105$, an opinion that they rendered telling the Ministry of Communications and the Overseer of FEGUA that in their opinion, in their professional opinion, contracts 143 and 158 were lesivo for a number of reasons? <br> A. Are we talking about the Palacios Opinion? <br> Q. Yes, sir. We have it up on the screen now. <br> 20 This is document C-105. <br> 21 A. I'm not sure that I have seen this Opinion, 22 but... |
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| 01:39:47 1 Legal Department to that effect. <br> 2 Q. Okay. And after a series of negotiations <br> 3 with Ferrovías in an attempt to reach a resolution of <br> 4 some of the legal defects associated with Contract 143 <br> 5 and 158, there came a time when the Parties basically <br> 6 reached an impasse in relation to those negotiations. <br> 7 Do you remember generally seeing that in the record? <br> 8 A. I understand that there were meetings and <br> 9 there were negotiations. Whether those meetings and <br> 10 negotiations were, you know, leading to curing <br> 11 legal-technicalities or leading to other sorts of <br> 12 purposes, I don't know. <br> 13 Q. Okay. Fair, you didn't participate in them. <br> 14 A. Right. <br> 15 Q. Okay. Now, in April of--let's take a step 16 back. <br> 17 In April of 2005, do you recall seeing in the <br> 18 record that Dr. Gramajo sought the Legal Opinion from <br> 19 the Chief legal counsel of the Ministry of <br> 20 Communications? <br> 21 A. Yes, I do remember that. <br> 22 Q. Gabriela Saxon. Do you remember seeing that | PAGE 1722 <br> 01:42:24 1 Q. Okay. Well, you don't doubt, do you, that 2 this law firm was asked by the Ministry of <br> Communications to conduct an independent inquiry into whether Contract 143 and 158 was lesivo and they came back with the Opinion that for a number of reasons as 6 set forth in document c-105, they were of the view <br> 7 that the document, $A$, suffered from a number of 8 important legal defects; and, $B$, that it was lesivo. <br> 9 Those defects made the document--the Contract 143 and <br> 10158 lesivo to the interests of the State? <br> 11 A. They might have been hired for that, and they 12 might have given that opinion, yeah. <br> 13 Q. When you say they were hired for that, you're 14 not suggesting that they were hired to reach that <br> 15 conclusion, are you? <br> 16 A. No, to inquire into those matters. <br> 17 Q. Okay. Now, once this Opinion was transmitted <br> 18 back to the Ministry of Communications, Overseer <br> 19 Gramajo reached out to the Attorney General's Office; <br> 20 do you recall that? In June of 2005 he sent a request <br> 21 to the Attorney General of Guatemala--and just so that <br> 22 we're all clear, that is the highest Legal Authority |

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| 01:43:51 1 in Guatemala; correct? For Guatemalan law. <br> A. Well, highest Legal Authority depends-- <br> Q. For the State, I should say? <br> A. As an adviser for the State, yeah. <br> Q. Okay. Fair enough, because there's a <br> Constitutional Court and others that may be deemed <br> higher, would be deemed higher. <br> So, you recall that in August of 2005, the <br> Attorney General's Office of Guatemala sent back their <br> Opinion and reached the conclusion that Contracts 143 <br> and 158, for a number of reasons, was lesivo to the <br> interest of the State. <br> A. I do remember having read an opinion on <br> behalf of the office of the Attorney General, yeah. <br> Q. Okay. Let's put up R-15. <br> Do you recall that the Opinion read basically <br> reached that conclusion that I just set forth for you? <br> A. Yeah. <br> Q. Okay. And in their opinion or in his opinion, the Attorney General and his staff who <br> 21 assisted him with this analysis highlighted a number <br> 22 of important legal defects in Contract 143 and 158, | 01:46:02 $1 \quad$ Q. I'm simply setting the stage for what fell at <br> 2 the President's doorstep when he was asked to declare <br> 3 this Contract lesivo, and one of the things that was <br> 4 at his doorstep was the fact that the Attorney General <br> of Guatemala, the highest legal adviser of the State, <br> 6 reached the Opinion that this Contract 143 and 158 was <br> full of a number of important legal defects; correct? <br> A. That was his opinion, yes. <br> Q. And that, therefore, it was lesivo to the interest of the State; correct? <br> A. Well, not that it was, but it should be declared. <br> Q. So, in his opinion, he told the President, through this Opinion, that he thought the President should declare the Contract lesivo, given the legal defects that had been identified in the Opinion? <br> A. Yeah, that's right. <br> Q. Now, after this Opinion was transmitted back <br> 19 to the FEGUA Overseer on the 1st of August 2005, <br> 20 eventually the FBCUA Overseer, after consulting with <br> 21 his in-house legal department and outside lawyers, <br> 22 wrote to the President--and we talked about this |
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| 01:45:07 1 including the fact that it didn't result from a separate bidding process; correct? <br> A. Yes. They do mention those kinds of arguments. I don't find them important or wouldn't qualify them as important in the context of this case, but, yeah. <br> Q. Well, they certainly are important in the context of this case because this is part and parcel of the information that was given to President Berger when he made his decision; isn't that correct? <br> A. Yeah, but it is not important that there wasn't a subsequent ratification when one is considering the very fundamental question of the interests of the State. <br> Q. We understand that's your Opinion? <br> A. Yeah, that's all I'm saying. <br> Q. Right, and I'm not asking you-- <br> A. It might have been their opinion, but it is not mine. <br> Q. Very good. I'm not asking you for your opinion about that conclusion right now? <br> A. Okay. | PAGE 1726 <br> 01:47:25 1 before--on January 13, 2006, and asked the President to declare the Contract lesivo; right? <br> A. Right. <br> Q. And the Tribunal has seen the letter, and you're familiar with it, I assume. Correct? <br> A. I am. <br> Q. And that letter identified a number of legal <br> defects and sought the President's determination about declaring that Contract 143 and 158 lesivo to the interests of the State; correct? <br> A. Um-hmm. <br> Q. You have to answer verbally. <br> A. Yes, correct. <br> Q. And when the President received that request, he then dispatched his legal office to study the question; right? <br> A. That's right. <br> Q. And one of the things they did was they sent the Contract to the Office of the Ministry of Public Finance--I'm not sure if I'm misstating the name but-- <br> A. No, that's correct. <br> Q. Is that correct? |

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| PAGE 1727  <br> $01: 48: 37$ 1 A. Okay. <br> 2 Q. And that, just so we're clear, that office or  <br> 3 that Ministry, I should say, is the Ministry in  <br> 4 Guatemala that is charged with making determinations  <br> 5 about legalities of administrative contracts; correct?  <br> 6 A. No, that is not exactly right.  <br> 7 Q. Well, isn't that the Ministry--and correct me  <br> 8 if I'm wrong--you're the Expert on Guatemalan law, but  <br> 9 isn't that the Ministry who is responsible for  <br> 10 assuring that administrative contracts are appropriate  <br> 11 under Guatemalan law?  <br> 12 A. No, no. That would be--actually, it would be  <br> 13 rather the Office of the Attorney General. The  <br> 14 Ministry of Finance has to do with handling the  <br> 15 budget, handling the finances of the State and  <br> 16 overseeing the correct execution of the budget, of the  <br> 17 several public administrations of the State.  <br> 18 Q. Now--so in your opinion, do you have an  <br> 19 opinion as to why the Contract was sent to that  <br> 20 Ministry?  <br> 21 A. Well, there is a division or a department in  <br> 22 the Ministry having to do with the so-called "Benes  | PAGE 1729 <br> $01: 51: 05$ 1 <br> 2 persons within the Ministry of Finance who analyzed <br> 3 A. Yes. <br> 4 Q. And you recall as well that those three <br> 5 persons reached the Opinion, after doing an <br> 6 independent analysis, that Contract 143 and 158 <br> 7 was--well, one, suffered from a number of important <br> 8 legal defects; correct? And if you don't recall, we <br> 9 can look at the Opinion. <br> 10 A. I'm sorry, you were asking me or just <br> 11 describing what's in the documents? <br> 12 Q. I'm asking you if you have a recollection <br> 13 that three separate persons within the Ministry of <br> 14 Finance, the Department of Public Procurement analyzed <br> 15 Contract 143 and 158 and reached, each of them, a <br> 16 determination, an opinion that contracts 143 and 158 <br> 17 suffered from a number of important legal defects. Do <br> 18 you recall that? <br> 19 A. They issued a few very succinct opinions to <br> 20 that effect, yeah. <br> 21 Q. Okay. And by saying they were succinct <br> 22 opinions, you're not in any way suggesting they didn't |
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| 01:50:00 1 del Estado," you could probably say property of the 2 State, and I recall that it was sent to that department for an opinion. <br> Q. Okay. And I guess in the nature of trying to make a determination about whether property of the State had been harmed as a result of the actions undertaken in relation to Contract 143/158, it would be natural to seek the Opinion of that Ministry and that division within that Ministry to see what their opinion was about whether there had been, in fact, harm to property of the State; correct? <br> A. I wouldn't have, but that's how they proceeded, yeah. <br> Q. And they actually have a Government procurement department within that Ministry, don't they? <br> A. Yes, they do . <br> Q. And that is the department that was consulted on whether Contract 143 and 158 was or was not lesivo to the interests of the State; correct? <br> A. Yeah, I think so. <br> Q. And you recall that there were three separate | 01:52:21 1 do a careful analysis, are you? <br> A. That's how it looks on the face of those statements to me, yeah. <br> Q. It looks as though they didn't do a careful analysis? <br> A. Didn't do a sufficient analysis, yes. <br> Q. Okay. Let's put up document R-24, for purposes of the Tribunal. Let's go ahead to the beginning of the opinion. <br> Are you aware that one of the persons who authored this Opinion has testified in this case? <br> A. No. <br> Q. If we could go down to the very end of this document. And America Gonzalez, who you can see is one of the persons who--this is obviously the English translation of the document, but one of the persons who conducted the analysis and signed this Legal Opinion; correct? <br> A. Yeah, I see her name there. <br> Q. And she submitted $a$--and we're going to show you in a second her Declaration. She submitted a 22 declaration in this case saying that she conducted, as |

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| 01:53:25 1 well as her colleagues, very careful analysis of 2 Contracts 143 and 158. <br> 3 MR. STERN: I'm going to object to the 4 extent--if he wants to show the Witness Statement, <br> 5 that's fine, but I object to him characterizing a <br> 6 statement of a witness which hasn't even testified <br> 7 orally in these proceedings. He can testify he hasn't <br> 8 seen the statement at all. <br> 9 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 10 Q. So, Dr. Mayora, Ms. Gonzalez has testified-- <br> 11 MR. STERN: Would the Tribunal please address 12 my objection. <br> 13 MR. ORTA: You know what, I will just move on 14 without characterizing her testimony for the sake of 15 speed. I will put up her Declaration in a second. <br> 16 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 17 Q. So, Ms. Gonzalez has testified in this case, 18 and we will show you her Declaration in a second, but 19 nonetheless she and her colleagues reached an opinion 20 that there were grounds to invalidate Contract 143 and 21158 through the issuance of a Lesivo Declaration; 22 correct? | 01:55:26 1 agreement through a Lesivo Declaration; correct? <br> A. That's correct. <br> Q. Now, you were not there when they conducted their analysis of this Opinion; right? <br> A. No. <br> Q. You have no idea how many hours they spent on it? <br> A. No. <br> Q. So, when you say it's a succinct Opinion, you're rendering that conclusion based on your review of this document, but again, you have no idea how intensive an analysis they each conducted to arrive at this Opinion; right? <br> A. No. That's why I said that on the face of this Opinion, there was a very superficial analysis of this problem. <br> Q. Right. But as I say, you have no personal knowledge as to the extent of the analysis that they conducted so you can't render an opinion that it was superficial; correct? <br> A. I don't know how many hours they spent, no. <br> Q. Okay. Now, this Opinion also was also sent |
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|  | PAGE 1734 <br> $01: 56: 23$ 1 <br> 2 back to the Office of the Secretary-General. And just <br> 2 so that the Tribunal understands, the Office of the <br> 3 Secretary-General within the office of the Presidency <br> 4 is the office that is in charge principally of legal <br> 5 affairs for the Office of the Presidency; correct? <br> 6 A. Well, they had to review from several  <br> 7 different perspectives, including the legal <br> 8 perspective, the dispatch that goes to the President. <br> 9 Q. And there's a figurehead--not a  <br> 10 figurehead--that's not the correct term--there is a <br> 11 Chief lawyer, the equivalent of what would be, for <br> 12 example, White House Counsel here in that office, and <br> 13 that is the Secretary-General; correct? <br> 14 A. The Secretary-General has a head of his legal  <br> 15 department. <br> 16 . He is head of the Legal Department for the  <br> 17 office of the President? <br> 18 A. The secretary-General is Secretary-General  <br> 19 and he has a legal department, and there's a Chief of <br> 20 that legal department. <br> 21 Q. Okay. And he's the boss or the--he's a  <br> 22 lawyer, usually; right?  |

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| PAGE 1735  <br> $01: 57: 31$ 1 A. Usually, yeah. <br> 2 Q. And they are the boss of the Chief lawyer for  <br> 3 the Office of the Presidency for the Office of the  <br> 4 Secretary-General; correct?  <br> 5 A. That's right.  <br> 6 Q. And that is the top legal adviser, if you  <br> 7 will, for the President, for the Office of the  <br> 8 Secretary-General?  <br> 9 A. Well, you know, I think that it depends on a  <br> 10 number of circumstances. But because the Attorney  <br> 11 General, as we have concurred, is the Chief legal  <br> 12 adviser, so, you know, I think it depends on the  <br> 13 circumstances and the context, but you can say the  <br> 14 Secretary-General is a very important official in  <br> 15 terms of what the President does or doesn't do,  <br> 16 including within the context of the legality of the  <br> 17 discharge of his functions in office.  <br> 18 Q. And including, for example, with respect to  <br> 19 the person--the President, excuse me, making a  <br> 20 determination about whether or not to declare a  <br> 21 contract lesivo?  <br> 22 A. I would rather--in terms of what are the  | PAGE 1737 <br> 01:59:47 1 Declaration? <br> 2 MR. STERN: Objection. Again, this is not a <br> 3 question of Guatemalan law. It's a question of the <br> dealings between the President and his advisers and some unnamed administration. <br> 6 PRESIDENT RIGO: Sustained, as before. <br> 7 MR. ORTA: Very good. <br> 8 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: If I can help, the <br> 9 question is not what he might do, which is <br> speculation. The question is what he's entitied to do, surely. <br> MR. ORTA: Well, I will just move on, and then we will get to that in a second. <br> BY MR. ORTA: <br> Q. Okay. So, this Opinion was returned to the Office of the Secretary-General; correct? <br> A. Yes. <br> Q. And they then conducted their own independent analysis based on all of the information they had received as to whether Contracts 143 and 158 were lesivo; right? <br> 22 A. They did conduct an analysis. How wide and |
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| 01:58:37 1 rules and what's the framework within which the <br> 2 President and his Cabinet ought to make that <br> determination or not. <br> Q. Right, but my question wasn't about the rules and the determinations. It was about whether that person's Opinion would carry significant weight in the <br> 7 President's determination about whether to carry <br> 8 forward with a declaration of lesividad in relation to 9 a contract. <br> 10 MR. STERN: Objection. Calls for speculation <br> 11 about whether some unnamed persons would carry <br> 12 significant weight in the President's determination. <br> 13 It's an improper question. <br> 14 PRESIDENT RIGO: We will uphold the objection. <br> 16 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 17 Q. Let's try it again. <br> 18 In your opinion, based on what you know about <br> 19 Guatemalan law, would the President, in your opinion, <br> 20 place important weight on the Opinion of the <br> 21 Secretary-General in the Office of the Presidency on <br> 22 the issue of whether or not to issue a Lesivo | PAGE 1738 <br> $02: 00: 49$ 1 <br> 2 how deep, I don't know. <br> 3 don't know if we can put that up--it's R-25--on the <br> 4 26th of April 2006. The Technical Board of the <br> 5 Presidency within the Office of the Secretary-General <br> 6 reached the Opinion that Contracts 143 and 158 were <br> 7 lesivo to the interest of the State; correct? <br> 8 A. Wrongly they did, yeah. <br> 9 Q. And they reached that conclusion based on a <br> 10 number of legal defects that they identified in <br> 11 Contracts 143 and 158; right? <br> 12 A. Yeah, again wrongly they did, yeah. <br> 13 Q. No, I realize you--just so that we are clear, <br> 14 all of these different persons that did these <br> 15 analyses, the Attorney General of Guatemala, the three <br> 16 persons within the Ministry of Finance, the outside <br> 17 law firm, the persons within the Technical Board of <br> 18 the Presidency, they all concurred that Contracts 143 <br> 19 and 158 suffered from legal defects that rendered the <br> 20 Contract lesivo, you believe they were all wrong? <br> 21 A. No. I believe that the determination of <br> 22 whether an act of Government leading to a contract is |

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| 02:02:18 1 or not harmful to the interests of the State, it's a <br> 2 matter of policy, and it's a matter of analysis and <br> 3 judgment for the President and his Cabinet to make <br> within the rules of the constitution and within the legal framework of the State. <br> What the legal adviser has to advise on is whether the conditions, the legal conditions to enter into such analysis leading to a possible determination that that act of Government or that Contract or <br> 10 whatever are harmful to the interest of the State is <br> 11 the limit of their competence. They are not there to <br> 12 tell the President, Mr. President, I think you should <br> 13 declare this lesivo, because that is none of their <br> 14 competence. The competence to make such determination <br> 15 is that of the President of the Republic and his <br> 16 Cabinet. <br> 17 Q. All right. I understand that is your <br> 18 opinion. Let's go to the conclusion here. If we 19 could highlight the Opinion. <br> 20 And the Opinion of Celena Ozaeta, who then <br> 21 was the Legal Adviser for the Technical Board of the <br> 22 General Secretariat of the Presidency, as well as | 02:04:57 1 would have been attached to this Opinion? <br> A. I assume that's what's meant here. <br> Q. And so they reached the Opinion that after analyzing the applicable Legal provisions and the other documentation which they analyzed, that the Executive Resolution declaring lesivo to the interests of the State, the contracts should be submitted to the President for approval; correct? <br> A. $\mathrm{Um}-\mathrm{hmm}$. <br> Q. For his approval in Cabinet of Ministers; right? <br> A. Yes. <br> Q. Have you reviewed the testimony, for example, of Mr. Duarte and Ms. Ozaeta? <br> A. No, I don't recall having read those testimonies. <br> Q. Let's go ahead and put up Ms. Ozaeta's 18 testimony just as an example. You have all of this, 19 sir, before you in your binder if you'd like to look 20 at it in paper copy, but we are also putting it up on 21 the screen. <br> 22 <br> Okay. This is a translation of the statement |
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| 02:03:49 1 Manuel Duarte, both of whom have rendered testimony in 2 this case through declarations, is that, after <br> 3 analyzing the accompanying documentation and they cite <br> 4 it earlier up in the Opinion, and the applicable Legal 5 provisions, this Consultative Committee understands <br> 6 that the draft Governmental Agreement--and just so that the Tribunal is clear because this is translation-when they say draft Governmental Agreement, they're talking about the Draft Executive <br> 10 Resolution declaring the Contract lesivo; right? That 11 would have been attached to this document. <br> 12 A. I'm sorry, I thought you were talking about the Tribunal. <br> Q. No, I'm asking you a question. I will ask it again. <br> A. Would you ask again? <br> Q. Sure. When in the Opinion they refer here to the fact that they understand that the draft Governmental <br> 20 Agreement which declares lesivo to State interest the <br> 21 Contracts, that is a reference to the Draft Executive <br> 22 Resolution declaring the Contract lesivo; right? That | PAGE 1742 <br> 02:06:10 1 of Celena Ozaeta. Let's go down. She states her qualifications there. Keep going down, please. Keep going. <br> 4 Okay. Let's look at the Opinion, what she 5 says about her opinion. <br> 6 All right. <br> 7 So, she says she reviewed a number of things in order to reach her opinion, and she states them there in Paragraph 13; correct? <br> 10 A. Take a minute to read it. <br> 11 (Witness reviews document.) <br> 12 A. Well, what I see that she read here was four or five opinions, not the entire file, but anyway. <br> 14 Q. Okay. And in Paragraph 15, she states what <br> 15 her conclusions were as well as that of the other <br> 16 persons who signed her opinion; right? <br> 17 MR. STBRI: I object to the relevance of this <br> 18 testimony. If he's asking him to comment on Witness <br> 19 Statements that he hasn't read and has not offered any <br> 20 views or opinions on in his reports. <br> 21 MR. ORTA: Well, the relevance is pretty <br> 22 clear. We're here, in part, to determine whether the |

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| 02:07:59 1 President, when he declared the Executive <br> 2 Resolution-when he declared, I'm sorry, Contracts 143 <br> 3 and 158 lesivo to the interests of the state did so <br> 4 reasonably, and part and parcel of that decision was <br> 5 the information that was put before the President when <br> 6 he made that decision, so I'm entitled to ask about <br> 7 this on their Expert on the issue of whether or not <br> 8 lesivo was proper. <br> 9 MR. STERN: That's not the question that Mr. <br> 10 or Dr. Mayora has opined on. He's asked as a legal <br> 11 matter of guarantee under Guatemalan law, whether the <br> 12 President was compelled as a matter of law, which <br> 13 their witness has asserted both factually and experts <br> 14 as a matter of law to issue the Declaration because it <br> 15 was recommended to him by his advisers. It's not <br> 16 whether it was reasonable or not reasonable. He has <br> 17 no testimony in that regard or any opinions on that <br> 18 regard. <br> 19 PRESIDENT RIGO: The objection is sustained. <br> 20 MR. ORTA: Okay. <br> 21 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 22 Q. Now, sir, you understand, do you not, that | MR. ORTA: Well, I will show you the <br> testimony now. <br> MR. STERN: Which witness is this? <br> MR. ORTA: This, counsel, is Mr. Fuentes, who testified in this case, Mario Fuentes, and I'm putting before this witness the testimony of Mr. Fuentes where he said he spoke to Mr. Arroyave who told him that he had advised the President that he had to sign the Lesivo Declaration to avoid any future legal consequences. <br> MR. STERN: That is not firsthand testimony from Mr. Arroyave saying he told the President that. It remained a conversation of Mr. Fuentes he described in his testimony, so that is not competent evidence to ask the witness questions about this. <br> MR. ORTA: If that is not competent evidence, with all due respect, their entire case is built on hearsay, their entire case. Everything. Everything they put before you is what somebody told somebody else who told somebody else. <br> 21 I'm entitled to question this witness. This 22 is unrefuted in the record that the President's top |
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| PAGE 1744 <br> $02: 09: 14$ 1 <br> 2 after the President or after this Opinion was issued, <br> 3 the Secretary-General, who then had to advise the <br> 4 President on what he believed at the time the <br> 5 President should do in relation to declaring the <br> 6 Contract lesivo or not; correct? <br> 7 A. Yes. The ordinary course of those kinds of <br> 8 proceedings is the legal opinions go to the <br> 9 Secretary-General, yeah. <br> 10 $\quad$ Q. And you're aware, I assume, that--do you know <br> 11 Jorge Arroyave? Do you know who he is? <br> 12 A. I don't think I do. <br> 13 Q. Well, at the time he was the <br> 14 Secretary-General to President Oscar Berger. <br> 15 A. Okay. <br> 16 $\quad$ Q. And Mr. Arroyave informed President Berger <br> 17 that it was his opinion that the President should <br> 18 declare Contract 143 and 158 lesivo or he would incur <br> 19 personal responsibility. Are you aware of that? <br> 20 MR. STERN: Objection. There is no testimony <br> 21 in the record on that. That is counsel testifying in <br> 22 this case. | PAGE 1746 <br> 02:11:57 1 legal adviser was of the Opinion that Contracts 153 <br> 2 and 158 were lesivo, that he counseled the President <br> 3 about that. This was testimony that the Tribunal has <br> 4 heard. <br> 5 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: It's a question of fact <br> 6 what the President was advised. <br> 7 MR. ORTA: Right. <br> 8 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: This witness is not <br> 9 here as a fact witness. He's here as an expert <br> 10 witness on Guatemalan law. You haven't asked him a <br> 11 question of Guatemalan law up to now. <br> 12 MR. ORTA: Right. I'm leading up to the <br> 13 question where I'm going to ask his opinion on it. I'm <br> 14 setting the foundation for that. <br> 15 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Surely you can <br> 16 stipulate. These are questions of fact. You <br> 17 stipulate the fact this cloud of witnesses--cloud of <br> 18 opinions was given, and if there was then a question <br> 19 of Guatemalan law, which--for which that is a <br> 20 predicate, you can ask it, but at present all you're <br> 21 doing is asking him questions of fact. <br> 22 ARBITRATOR EIzeviSTAT: In other words, |


| 02:13:01 1 stipulate to facts and ask if he as a legal expert <br> 2 agrees with what the Attorney General purportedly <br> 3 advised. <br> 4 <br> MR. ORTA: And with all due respect, <br> 5 Secretary Eizenstat, I don't--it's not, in my view, so <br> 6 relevant whether he agrees with what the Attorney <br> 7 General concluded. I believe what's relevant--and the <br> 8 Tribunal can tell me if they're not interested in <br> 9 hearing about this--is what information was before the <br> 10 President when he was asked to declare the contract <br> 11 lesivo? <br> 12 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: He's not an expert on <br> 13 that question. He's not an expert on that question. <br> 14 You are entitled to stipulate. If it's in the record, <br> 15 that's fine. <br> 16 MR. ORTA: Okay. <br> 17 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: This information is <br> 18 before him. What you want to do is he's a Legal <br> 19 Expert on Guatemalan law. You have to put to him a <br> 20 proposition of Guatemalan law that follows from those <br> 21 premises. <br> 22 <br> MR. ORTA: Very good. So, I will get to | 02:15:10 1 require a public bid. The bottom line here is that 2 every other person who at the time looked at the issue <br> 3 reached the opinion that the contracts were lesivo. <br> 4 The President was advised that and told that he would <br> 5 incur personal liability if he didn't declare the <br> 6 Contract lesivo, and I would like to know if this <br> 7 Expert is of the view that it was unreasonable for the <br> 8 President to reach the conclusion that he should <br> 9 declare the Contract lesivo. <br> 10 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: That's a question in <br> 11 the case because we're not concerned with the <br> 12 liability under Guatemalan law. We're concerned with <br> 13 the liability under the CAFTA. <br> 14 MR. ORTA: Right, and I would like to know <br> 15 under Guatemalan law-- <br> 16 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: He's putting himself <br> 17 forward as an expert on CAFTA. <br> 18 MR. ORTA: Right, and I'm not asking him as a <br> 19 matter of public international law, I'm asking as <br> 20 matter of Guatemalan law, does he believe it's <br> 21 unreasonable for the President to have reached the <br> 22 determination to declare the contracts lesivo given |
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| 02:14:02 1 that. <br> 2 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 3 Q. So, Dr. Mayora, in the face of assuming that <br> 4 the record establishes that the President was advised <br> 5 by his Secretary-General that he would incur in <br> 6 personal liability if he didn't declare Contracts 143 <br> 7 and 158 lesivo, that he had an opinion from his <br> 8 Secretary, the Technical Secretary Board that the <br> 9 agreement was lesivo, assuming those facts and <br> 10 everything else that I have just set forth in the <br> 11 questions, do you think it was reasonable for the <br> 12 President to reach the conclusion that he should <br> 13 declare Contracts 143 and 158 lesivo? <br> 14 MR. STERN: Objection. This is--again it's <br> 15 not a question of Guatemalan law. This is a question <br> 16 of reasonableness, which is not something that <br> 17 Dr. Mayora's opined about. It's not a question of <br> 18 Guatemalan law. <br> 19 MR. ORTA: I thought I was cross-examining an <br> 20 expert. I think it's quite fair to ask him that <br> 21 question. I mean, he can tell us what his opinions <br> 22 are about whether the contracts require or didn't | 02:16:05 1 all of the facts that we have just set forth? <br> 2 MR. STERN: And reasonableness is not a <br> 3 standard or a law under Guatemalan law. There is <br> 4 nothing at issue here with regard to reasonableness as <br> 5 a matter of Guatemalan law. <br> $6 \quad$ (Tribunal conferring.) <br> 7 PRESIDENT RIGO: Just go ahead and ask the <br> 8 question. You have asked it, but the witness may <br> 9 answer. <br> 10 THE WITNESS: In my opinion, assuming those <br> 11 facts, the President would have been wrong to believe <br> 12 that he is or would have been liable because again, <br> 13 the very few legal provisions having to do with a <br> 14 Declaration of Lesividad are based on the notion of <br> 15 harm to the interest of the state and the <br> 16 determination of whether those harms to the interests <br> 17 of the State have taken place or not are the <br> 18 competence of the President and his Cabinet, not the <br> 19 competence of legal advisers, or the <br> 20 Secretary-General. They have to tell the President <br> 21 what's the legal framework within which him and his <br> 22 Cabinet can make any such determination. |

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| PAGE 1751 <br> 02:17:31  <br> 1 Going in one direction or the other is a <br> 2 matter of judgment, and that judgment, the one who's <br> 3 called to exercise the judgment under the oath that he <br> 4 took is the President and his Cabinet. <br> 5 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 6 Q. Do you believe it was unreasonable for the <br> 7 President to--under Guatemalan law, for the President <br> 8 to have made the determination to declare Contracts <br> 9 143 and 158 lesivo in the face of the facts that we've <br> 10 just discussed? Yes or no. <br> 11 A. Yes, I do, and I do because it would have <br> 12 been very unreasonable as well if the <br> 13 Secretary-General tells him, look, as a matter of <br> 14 financial policy or labor policy, I think they're <br> 15 going to be liable unless you raise the minimum salary <br> 16 to this point. That's a matter of policy. That is a <br> 17 President's call, not the call of his advisers or of <br> 18 the Secretary-General. <br> 19 Q. Do you agree, sir, that public officials in <br> 20 Guatemala, when they take their oath, they take an <br> 21 oath to uphold the Constitution? <br> 22 A. Yes, it's in the Constitution. | 02:19:41 1 means available to the President under the appropriate <br> 2 laws in Guatemala for him to instruct the Competent <br> Authority to take legal actions against that contract? <br> Isn't that correct? <br> A. No, that is not correct. As a matter of fact, it's been maintained that there was absolute nullity here, and the Statute of Limitations for absolute nullity never expires, and the Attorney General that only has the power, but the obligation to pursue any such action if he thought that there was absolute nullity. <br> Q. Declaring the Contract lesivo certainly was one option the President had; right? In order to have the Competent Authority determine whether the Contract was lesivo; isn't that correct? <br> A. I think your question is circular, but probably you can clarify it to me because are you leading to nullity or to lesividad? Because lesividad cannot be a declaration in order to establish lesividad. <br> 21 Q. Well, in order to reach the question of 22 nullity, the President--one of the options he had was |
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| 02:18:47 1 Q. And they take an oath to uphold the laws of the Republic? <br> A. Yes. <br> Q. And do you agree that when a public official comes into knowledge that a contract appears to be illegal or absolutely null or nullable, then that public official has to take a number of actions in order for--in order to have the Competent Authority within Guatemala initiate legal actions against that contract? <br> A. It has to take the appropriate actions through the appropriate proceedings; and, if he wouldn't, he would be lying. <br> Q. Okay. And here, the President took the action of declaring the Contract lesivo, having been told that the Contract was illegal; right? <br> A. And that is an inappropriate action, in my opinion. <br> Q. Inappropriate? <br> A. Yeah. <br> Q. But isn't it true, sir, that at the time that the President took that action, that was the only | 02:20:53 1 declaring the contracts lesivo; correct? <br> 2 A. Not in my opinion. You see, a problem of <br> 3 legality is for the Court and the other officers and <br> 4 officials of the Republic that are charged with the <br> 5 what we call control of legality. A determination of <br> 6 whether the interest of the State had been harmed is a <br> 7 matter of judgment of the utmost importance that's <br> 8 been placed in the Office of the President of the <br> 9 Republic and his Cabinet. It is weighing interests of <br> 10 the State. It is not a matter of legality. <br> 11 Q. Okay. Let's go to your First Opinion, I <br> 12 believe, and let's look at Paragraph 9.6, please. If <br> 13 we could blow up Paragraph 9.6--not that much--and <br> 14 let's go ahead and highlight it in yellow. It's no <br> 15 big deal if you can't. <br> 16 All right. Now, you say in Paragraph 9.6, <br> 17 you say, "These questions or any other legal question <br> 18 could have been raised by the Office of the Attorney <br> 19 General when it examined the documents and proceedings <br> 20 prior to the public bidding, or before the expiration <br> 21 of the Statute of Limitations (of two years, according <br> 22 to Article 1312 of the Guatemalan Civil Code) in order |

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| 02:22:30 1 to file a civil action seeking a declaration that Contract 143 and 158 be declared null and void." 3 You go on to say: "The reason why none of this was done is of no relevance, except that the failure of the Office of the Attorney General to take any legal action (supposing any of these allegations warranted such a thing) within the timeframe specified by law, rendered the whole matter firm and definitive." <br> 10 And then you conclude by saying: "The only way to seek the nullification of Contracts 143 and 158 was to show that their execution or provisions were harmful to the interests of the State, not merely illegal." <br> Correct? <br> A. Correct. <br> Q. And so what you're saying there is that the only way to seek nullification of the Contract was for there to be a determination that the contracts were lesivo; right? That's what you said. <br> 21 A. What I've said now answering your question <br> 22 and what's written here are both correct and are not | 02:24:57 1 are illegalities and there are harms to the interests of the state can, of course, coexist. <br> Q. And in this case the President made the determination that the illegality did coexist with the harm, didn't he? <br> A. I don't think he did that. <br> Q. Well, sure he did because he declared the Contract lesivo, didn't he? <br> A. On the basis of legal technicalities. <br> Q. Well, you called them legal technicalities, sir, but the President reached the conclusion that those legal defects caused harm to the State, didn't he? <br> A. No. I think that what he did, if one pays attention to the Explanatory Statement, is to make it <br> 16 one and the same thing lesividad and illegality, and <br> 17 that's technically wrong, and he was wrongly advised, 18 unfortunately. <br> 19 Q. Okay. Now, sir, you testified about the fact <br> 20 that the President--is it your opinion, under <br> 21 Guatemalan law, that the President had no obligation <br> 22 to respond to the advice that he was given that |
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| 02:23:36 1 contradictory. And what I'm saying is that if it were 2 true that there was absolute nullity, which is not <br> 3 what's being referred to here, this is relative 4 nullity, which there is a Statute of Limitations spun in two years, but if it were true that there was absolute nullity, then there was no Statute of Limitations. <br> And I'm also saying here what I just <br> mentioned to the Tribunal; namely, that a declaration <br> 10 of lesividad does not pertain to questions of <br> 11 legality. It pertains to the interests of the State. <br> 12 That's why it is given to the President and his <br> 13 Cabinet to make such determination and not to a court <br> 14 of law. If there's a problem of legality, then it is <br> 15 a court of law that must determine that. <br> 16 Q. And legalities, as you've told us here before <br> 17 when you testified here in the prior hearing, a <br> 18 legality can cause--an illegality, I should say, can <br> 19 cause harm to interests of the State; correct? Or are <br> 20 you of view that an illegality under Guatemalan law <br> 21 can never cause harm to interests of the State? <br> 22 A. Well, I think that a situation where there | PAGE 1758 <br> 02:26:15 1 Contracts 143 and 158 were illegal? Is that your testimony? <br> A. Can you repeat it, please. <br> Q. Sure. Is it your testimony in this case that President Berger had no responsibility, had no--didn't have to, let's say it that way-had no obligation to respond to the advice that he was given that Contracts 143 and 158 were illegal? <br> A. He was under no legal or constitutional obligation to declare them lesivos. <br> Q. Did he have an obligation to respond to the advice that he was given that the contracts were illegal? <br> A. He had an obligation to consider with his Cabinet that question given the fact that there had been a proceeding leading to bring that question to him and his Cabinet. <br> Q. So, you agree he had an obligation to take action? <br> A. To deliberate and to decide, whether to declare or not to declare. <br> Q. Okay. And you obviously take issue with his |

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| 02:27:28 1 decision to declare; right? <br> 2 A. I take issue with the foundations that led to 3 his decision and his Cabinet's decision. <br> 4 Q. But then--I see. So, you believe he was <br> 5 misinformed, but you don't take issue with his <br> 6 decision to declare it lesivo; is that correct? <br> 7 A. I think that to have exercised his judgment <br> 8 on the basis of illegalities or legal technicalities <br> 9 was not even a right exercise of judgment. It was not <br> 10 valid under our Constitution and our laws. <br> 11 Q. All right. Let's pull up Article 154 of the <br> 12 Constitution. Mr. Mayora has cited it in some of his <br> 13 opinions. And this is RL-45, I believe, is the <br> 14 English version. <br> 15 MR. ORTA: Okay. And for the Tribunal, these <br> 16 are two articles that we believe, Article 154 and 155, <br> 17 and it is I believe RL-45 is the English translation <br> 18 of portions of these articles. These are Articles 154 <br> 19 and 155 of the Guatemalan Constitution. So, not 153. <br> 20154 and 155. <br> 21 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 22 Q. So, Article 154, sir, states that Government | 02:30:20 1 breaks the law to the detriment of the State or a <br> State entity or a private individual, he could be <br> jointly liable for damages as a result of that conduct? <br> A. Well, it says here, "to the detriment of a private individual." <br> Q. Or to the detriment of the State; correct? <br> A. The State or a State entity, yes. <br> Q. Right. So, it could be to the detriment of just the State, if he breaks the law just to the detriment of the State, he could be personally liable; correct? <br> A. I think we had better look at the Spanish version of $i t$. <br> Q. No problem. I believe it's in your notebook under C-- <br> A. I think I'm right. It's only to the detriment of the private individual. <br> Q. Could you read out loud just for the record that paragraph in Spanish, please, so it can be translated for the record. <br> 22 A. Yes, sir. Article 155, "Liability due to |
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| PAGE 1760 <br> $02: 29: 10$ 1 <br> 2 employees are vested with the authority--with <br> 3 authority and are legally responsible for their conduct; correct? <br> 4 A. That's correct. <br> 5 Q. And you agree that this article applies to <br> 6 the President? <br> 7 A. of course. <br> 8 Q. So, you agree that he's legally responsible <br> 9 for his official conduct? <br> 10 A. He's legally responsible for his official <br> 11 conduct, yes. <br> 12 Q. And Article 155, if we can highlight the <br> 13 first full paragraph of it, this article says, "When a <br> 14 State dignitary, State official, or state employee, in <br> 15 the exercise of his or her position, breaks the law to <br> 16 the detriment of a private individual, the State, or <br> 17 State entity where the dignitary, official, or <br> 18 employee serves--and this is actually a fairly--it's a <br> 19 poor translation. It should say, "he shall be jointly <br> 20 liable for damages." You can read the Spanish version <br> 21 if you like, but it says "cerra mobile." <br> 22 Do you agree with that, that if the President | 02:31:38 1 breaches of the law. Whenever an official employee in exercise of his own--by complying with his own duties, infringes the laws in the exercise of his position to the detriment of a private individual, the State, or State entity where the dignitary, official, or employees should be jointly liable for damages." <br> Q. And it is your opinion, it is your Legal <br> Opinion that the interpretation of that clause is that only when a State official excises his or her position and breaks the law to the detriment only of a private individual is he jointly liable for damages; is that your opinion? <br> A. Counselor, what this rule in the Constitution is establishing is precisely how a public official is liable jointly with the State or a State entity vis-à-vis private parties, when that official causes damages to that private party. There are other sections in the Constitution and in the laws of the Republic to the effect of how they are administratively, civilly, and criminally liable for whatever infringement in the exercise of their duties 22 in office, but this is a provision to the effect of |

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| 02:33:10 1 how a public official is liable to a private party if <br> 2 that public official causes damages to that private <br> 3 party. <br> 4 Q. All right. So, it's your opinion-we've <br> 5 cited the wrong provision, but nonetheless you agree <br> 6 with the principle that the President, if he, in the <br> 7 exercise of his function, commits some or breaks the <br> 8 law in some way to the detriment of the state that he <br> 9 could be jointly liable for those damages? He could <br> 10 be liable for those damages civilly and even <br> 11 criminally? <br> 12 A. Well, I didn't say he would be jointly liable <br> 13 because administrative legal liability is--pertains to <br> 14 the public official in his capacity as such, so there <br> 15 is, of course, no joint liability there. <br> 16 Q. So, you agree he would be liable, himself, <br> 17 either civilly-- <br> 18 A. What I'm trying to do is to clarify for the <br> 19 Tribunal that this is a provision that makes any <br> 20 public official, including the President, liable to a <br> 21 private party when in the exercise of his powers he <br> 22 has illegally caused damages to that private party. | 02:35:50 1 Q. If we could put up RL-172. <br> you are aware, are you not, sir, that the <br> Guatemalan Constitutional Court has, in fact, <br> addressed the issue of whether the lesivo law is unconstitutional under Guatemalan law? <br> A. I am aware of this amparo proceeding where <br> the Court was asked to consider if there had been a <br> constitutional or legal injury as a consequence of the <br> application of those provisions pertaining to lesividad. <br> Q. And you're aware that the Court determined that there were no constitutional problems with the lesivo law in this Opinion? <br> A. I think that the concrete opinion of the Court in this case is that there wasn't an injury that would call for granting the amparo, as we say. <br> Q. Okay. The person who filed this--first of all, an amparo for purposes of the Tribunal, that's a constitutional challenge to a law; correct? <br> 20 A. Not exactly. We have a dual system in <br> 21 Guatemalan constitutional law. We have the review of 22 constitutionality in the abstract, which is a |
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| 02:34:32 $1 \quad$ Q. And there are other provisions in the <br> Constitution that would make the President liable--not <br> jointly, excuse me--liable either civilly or criminally for actions taken to the detriment of the State; correct? <br> A. Not to the detriment of the State. For actions taken illegally. <br> Q. For actions taken illegally, okay. Now, sir, you are of the view in this case that the lesivo law is unconstitutional; right? <br> A. Those provisions establishing lesividad are contrary to some of the constitutional provisions of my country, yeah. That is my opinion. <br> 14 Q. All right. And you in your prior testimony <br> 15 to this Tribunal and in your written declarations said <br> 16 that you believe that if the issue were considered by <br> 17 the Constitutional Court of Guatemala, that they would <br> 18 agree that the issue or that the law is <br> 19 unconstitutional. Do you remember saying that? <br> 20 A. No, I remember saying that it should be <br> 21 declared unconstitutional, not that they would declare <br> 22 it unconstitutional, but that they should. | 02:37:27 1 proceeding, and the proceeding, actually, as the Court 2 has repeatedly clarified, it is the proceeding to <br> 3 submit to the Court, to the Constitutional Tribunal <br> 4 that a provision in the law is unconstitutional. Then <br> 5 the amparo is, in the language of our Constitution, a <br> 6 constitutional guarantee, meaning that it is there to <br> 7 guarantee that the laws and the regulations of the <br> 8 Republic be enforced and applied not in violation or <br> 9 contradiction of the Constitution or constitutional <br> 10 rights. <br> 11 So, the amparo is not to review the <br> 12 constitutionality, but to protect individual Parties <br> 13 against unconstitutional enforcement or application of <br> 14 laws or regulations. <br> 15 Q. You agree that the constitutional challenge <br> 16 to the lesivo law was rejected by the Constitutional <br> 17 Court in this case? <br> 18 A. No, I cannot agree in such broad terms. I <br> 19 could agree that the Court, in this ruling, did <br> 20 consider whether the provisions--the very few <br> 21 provisions having to do with lesividad as enforced or <br> 22 applied to the matter brought before the Court had not |

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| 02:38:58 1 created an injury as claimed by the person who filed 2 his amparo. <br> 3 Q. And so the constitutional challenge in this case failed? <br> A. The amparo failed. <br> Q. Which was a constitutional challenge to the lesivo law; correct? <br> 8 A. Well, I tried to clarify that for the <br> $g$ Tribunal. And I think I have, I hope. <br> 10 PRESIDENT RIGO: One last question. <br> 11 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 12 Q. Okay. Sir, you are aware, are you not--if we 13 could put up R-198. <br> 14 You are aware that the case that we're about 15 to put up on the screen, R-198, that in this case-16 MR. STERN: Excuse me, David, I think it's 17 RL-198 just for the record. <br> 18 MR. ORTA: Excuse me, RL-198. <br> 19 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 20 Q. That in this case that we have currently put <br> 21 up, the Administrative Court in Guatemala overturned <br> 22 the Lesivo Declaration by the Government? | 02:41:45 1 acknowledgement of its condition as lesivo to State interests, early termination, annulment, or mutual agreement, taking all measures necessary to avoid incurring in acts that may cause greater damage to the assets under Usufruct." <br> Q. So, is it your understanding that in this Opinion from the Attorney General's Office they were advising, I guess, FECUA that there was more than one option to deal with the alleged illegalities in Contracts 143 and 158 beyond declaring lesivo? <br> A. Yes, that's exactly what I read here, yeah. <br> Q. Okay. And let's look at R -24, which is the <br> Finance Board Opinion that you were asked questions about, or the Ministry of Finance Opinion. <br> A. Yes. <br> Q. And if you could turn to the last page of that, under the heading, "Six, Opinion." <br> A. Yes, sir. <br> Q. And could you read item Roman little I there. <br> A. Yes, it reads as follows: "First, that the <br> State of Guatemala had sufficient grounds to <br> 22 invalidate Notarial Deeds Number 143 and 158 through |
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|  | 02:43:10 1 Lesivo Declaration, rescission, annulment, or mutual 2 agreement of the Parties." <br> Q. SO, is this Opinion here consistent with the Attorney General's Opinion you just looked at? <br> A. It seems to be the same Opinion, yes. <br> Q. Okay. Could you turn to $\mathrm{R}-25$, which was the Technical Board of the Presidency Opinion which you were asked questions about. <br> A. Yes, sir. <br> Q. And is it your understanding that this was the Opinion which the President received a recommendation to declare 143 and 158 Lesivo? <br> A. This appears to be the one. <br> Q. Okay. And if you could go to the analysis section? <br> A. Yes. <br> Q. And under item two there, could you read that paragraph. <br> 19 A. Yes. It reads as follows: "Two, pursuant to 20 the Supreme Law of the country, the President of the <br> 21 Republic may issue decrees in accordance with the <br> 22 Constitution and approve any Accords, regulations, and |

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| 02:44:18 1 orders which may be necessary to execute the laws <br> 2 without departing from their spirit; preside over the <br> Cabinet of Ministers; and manage public finances in accordance with the law. Additionally, the Executive Branch law provides that the Cabinet of Ministers shall cooperate with the President of the Republic in establishing if administrative acts or actions are lesivo for the purposes of bringing an administrative recourse." <br> Q. Is it your understanding that in this Opinion the Technical Board of the Presidency was advising the President that he may issue a Lesivo Decree? <br> MR. ORTA: Excuse me. He's leading the witness. Objection. <br> 15 MR. STERN: Okay, let me ask it a different <br> 16 way. <br> 17 BY MR. STERN: <br> 18 Q. What is your understanding as to what the Technical Board of the Presidency was telling the <br> 20 President in this paragraph here? <br> 21 A. I think their analysis here is that they must 22 provide the President and his Cabinet that is with the | 02:46:52 1 Cabinet of Ministers." <br> Q. Okay. So, in this Opinion, was the Technical Board of the Presidency advising or stating that the President--that the Lesivo Decree must be submitted to the President for approval? <br> A. That is right, yeah. <br> Q. Excuse me, must-- <br> A. That it should be submitted to the President of the Republic for approval and Cabinet of Ministers. <br> 10 Q. Now, you were asked questions about <br> 11 Articles 154 and 155 of the Guatemalan Constitution 12 about the President's potential legal liability, <br> 13 personal legal liability for not declaring lesivo in <br> 14 that context. Let me ask you this: Can the President <br> 15 of Guatemala break any law by not declaring a contract <br> 16 lesivo when it's been recommended to him by his legal 17 adviser? <br> 18 A. Not in my opinion because that determination <br> 19 requires the true exercise of judgment on behalf of <br> 20 the President and his Cabinet of Ministers. Not even <br> 21 politically can he be held responsible because under <br> 22 our system, it would be his Ministers who could be |
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| PAGE 1772 <br> $02: 45: 29$ 1 <br> 2 elements necessary such that the President and his <br> 3 terms of declaring harmful an act of Government, <br> 4 harmful to the interests of the State. <br> 5 Q. Okay. Could you turn to the next page, the <br> 6 last page under the Section 5 Opinion. <br> 7 A. Yes. <br> 8 Q. And could you read that paragraph, please. <br> 9 A. Yes, it reads as follows: "After analyzing <br> 10 the accompanying documentation and the applicable <br> 11 legal provisions, this Consultative Committee <br> 12 understands that the draft Governmental Agreement, <br> 13 which declares lesivo to the interests of the State <br> 14 the Contract for Onerous Usufruct of Railroad <br> 15 Equipment owned by Ferrocarriles de Guatemala entered <br> 16 into between Ferrocarriles de Guatemala and Compañia <br> 17 Desarrollada Ferroviaria Sociedad Anónima, documented <br> 18 as Notarial Deed Number 143 of August 28, 2oos, as <br> 19 amended by Notarial Deed Number 158 of October 7, <br> 20 2003, both authorized in this city by Notary Public <br> 21 Claudia Mariela Marroquin Luther, should be submitted <br> 22 to the President of the Republic for approval in | PAGE 1774 <br> $02: 48: 09$ 1 <br> 2 called before Congress to explain how or why they have <br> 3 Congressman would have been not conducive to the best <br> 4 interests of the State. <br> 5 So, the President there, when analyzing a <br> 6 matter that is being presented as harmful to the <br> 7 interests of the State, must exercise his best or her <br> 8 best judgment and determine whether that is or not the <br> 9 case. He's the Chief of State. He's the highest <br> 10 authority of the Executive Branch, and together with <br> 11 his Ministers, that is the moment and an occasion when <br> 12 he is to exercise discretion concerning the interests <br> 13 of the State. Matters of legality are for his legal <br> 14 advisers, for the Attorney General, for the courts. <br> 15 This is a matter of State that it is up to the <br> 16 President to analyze and determine with his Cabinet of <br> 17 Ministers. <br> 18 Q. Are you aware of any instance in which the <br> 19 President has been sued or alleged to be personally <br> 20 liable for not declaring a certain Contract or <br> 21 Government act lesivo pursuant to the recommendations <br> 22 of his legal advisers? |

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| 02:49:36 1 A. I don't know of any such case, sir. <br> Q. Okay. Thank you. Nothing further. <br> QUESTIONS FROM THE TRIBUNAL <br> ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: You have given your <br> Opinion that the President, in deciding on lesividad is exercising a discretion. <br> THE WITNESS: That's correct, Professor <br> Cravford. <br> ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: And you say that <br> because of that, the advice that he's given by the <br> Secretary-General and others has to be advised about <br> the framework or parameters and not advised about the <br> ultimate question. I don't see why. I mean, if the <br> President has to make a particular decision, surely <br> I'm entitled to say to him these are the grounds for <br> making the decision, one way or the other. I'm not <br> substituting my discretion for his. I'm simply giving <br> him advice as to how to exercise his discretion, aren't I? <br> 20 THE WINNESS: I think that the legal advisers <br> 21 are to give the President and his Cabinet advice on <br> 22 the legal framework within which they must analyze the | 02:52:26 1 time. <br> Do you agree with that analysis, or not? <br> THE WITNESS: I basically do, but I would add <br> to that analysis that the only place where an ex post <br> ratification of Contract 41 is mentioned is the <br> Bidding Terms because if one looks at the law that <br> regulates FEGUA and the law that created the receivership, it is the Overseer that exercises the powers of the board of FEGUA; and then if one goes to <br> 10 the Public Procurement Act, what one finds there is <br> 11 that it is up to the highest authority of a State <br> 12 entity--and FEGUA is an entity, it is not an agency of <br> 13 the central government--it is an autonomous entity--it <br> 14 is for that authority to execute the Contract and <br> 15 create, as in this case, a Usufruct. <br> 16 So, I agree with your analysis, but I don't <br> 17 think that, $A$, one can create an obligation for the <br> 18 President to ratify a contract through of an Executive <br> 19 Decree; and, B, that the lack of such Decree or accord <br> 20 is not going to have, or shouldn't have any <br> 21 consequence in terms of the validity of the contract. <br> 22 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Let me give you a |
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| PAGE 1776 <br> 02:51:02 1 <br> 2 substance of the problem, but I agree with you that a <br> 2 diligent Chief of State, a diligent President would <br> 3 seek the advice and opinions of people knowledgeable <br> 4 about the substance of the problem that's being <br> 5 brought to him and his Cabinet for consideration. <br> 6 ARBITRATOR crawrord: One of the problems we <br> 7 have in this case, which is described by my colleague <br> 8 Secretary Eizenstat as a Catch-22 situation, is that <br> 9 it was very unclear once things got started how to get <br> 10 out of them. The original Contract 41 had been the <br> 11 subject of a bid procedure, and the only thing <br> 12 standing in its way was that it hadn't been finally <br> 13 endorsed by a Cabinet Resolution. <br> 14 Now, I mean, in accordance with the sort of <br> 15 legal system that I'm used to, that meant that it was <br> 16 probably ineffective as a contract, but it doesn't <br> 17 seem to me that it was--at least I wouldn't have <br> 18 analyzed it as being substantively unlawful. The <br> 19 Executive still had to do something to make it into a <br> 20 final Contract. Whether a conduct done pursuant to it <br> 21 was lawful or not was a separate question, but the <br> 22 Contract itself was simply unperfected at a certain | PAGE 1778 <br> $02: 53: 57$ 1 <br> 2 hypothetical, which the relationship of which to the <br> 3 present case can remain unresolved for the purposes of to you. Let's assume that a foreign <br> 4 investor engages in the bid process, wins the bid <br> 5 fairly and squarely, makes the substantial investment, <br> 6 does everything that is required to be done under the <br> 7 Contract which is then negotiated, but the Contract <br> 8 is, for some reason, not ratified by Government <br> 9 resolution as it should be. Does that mean that, as a <br> 10 matter of Guatemalan law, there is no alternative but <br> 11 a Declaration of Lesividad in relation to that <br> 12 contract, or alternatively, the conduct of a <br> 13 completely new and open bid procedure which a putative <br> 14 investor may lose? <br> 15 THe wimvess: In my opinion, there are <br> 16 several courses of action that the Government and the <br> 17 State entity in this case, FeGuA, and the private <br> 18 Party to the Contract could have pursued in order to <br> 19 cure or resolve the alleged lack of ratification, and <br> 20 very probably the easiest one would have been to just <br> 21 amend that contract and remove the requirement that it <br> 22 be ratified by Executive Decree because, again, |

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| 02:55:41 1 neither in just the Terms of Reference of a bidding <br> 2 process nor in a contract can anyone make the <br> 3 President obligated to issue an Executive Decree <br> 4 ratifying the Contract that an autonomous entity has <br> 5 the right through its highest authority to enter into 6 and negotiate. <br> 7 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Just adding further to <br> 8 this hypothetical of Professor Crawford, you mentioned <br> 9 amending the contract and removing the requirement of <br> 10 executive ratification. We're told by the prior <br> 11 witness, the Overseer, Mr. Gramajo, explicitly that <br> 12 this Contract that is 143 and 158 , did not require <br> 13 Executive approval by its terms, and that the FEGUA <br> 14 lawyers, after it was in effect, then concluded that <br> 15 it did require Executive approval. In other words, <br> 16 it's not a question of correcting the Contract which <br> 17 did require Executive approval and then changing it. <br> 18 In his testimony, the Contract did not require <br> 19 Executive approval, and the lawyers determined, FEGUA <br> 20 lawyers, that it did require it. That's what I call <br> 21 the Catch-22. <br> 22 But how do you deal with that situation? | 02:58:57 1 know, it can only be said in a very formalistic sense, 2 and so I think that there would have been several ways <br> 3 to amend the contract and to correct this technicality. <br> 5 ARBITRATOR EIZEISTAT: Without a declaration 6 of lesivo. <br> THE WITNESS: Right. <br> 8 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Do you have--do you <br> 9 know whether under Guatemalan law there is something <br> 10 equivalent to a sort of common law concept of estoppel <br> 11 or reliance when one Party has relied on the actions <br> 12 of another? Is that a doctrine that is embedded also <br> 13 in Guatemalan law? <br> 14 THE WITNESS: Yes, Secretary Eizenstat, it <br> 15 is. It is in our Civil Code, and clearly stated in it <br> 16 is the notion that a Party that has contributed in any <br> 17 way to the creation of a cause for nullity cannot <br> 18 invoke that in order to obtain a declaration that the <br> 19 Contract is null and void. That's the reason why I've <br> 20 maintained that a Declaration of Lesividad can only be <br> 21 considered as an exception to that rule because the <br> 22 general rule is that of the common law notion of |
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| PAGE 1780 <br> $02: 57: 22$ 1 <br> 2 What is your opinion on that? <br> 3 nature of the problem stems from the inclusion in the <br> 4 Terms of Reference of the bid that any such <br> 5 ratification was required, and I ignore why such thing <br> 6 might have been included. Probably they were seeking <br> 7 to provide the whole process with more formality in <br> 8 having the President and his Cabinet issuing any such <br> 9 ratification. <br> 10 $\quad$ But it seems to me that the two Parties to a <br> 11 contract acting in good faith and trying to converge <br> 12 in making the situation work can find several ways to <br> 13 amend the situation because in my opinion, this was <br> 14 really a legal technicality. In substance, the <br> 15 President, his Cabinet, the whole Government not only <br> 16 approved of this process, they promoted it. They <br> 17 organized it. An Overseer of Fegua or any other State <br> 18 entity couldn't have conceivably, not possibly, <br> 19 started a process to privatize the service. This was <br> 20 wanted and promoted by the Government, by the <br> 21 President, himself. <br> 22 And so, to speak of a lack of approval, you | PAGE 1782 <br> 03:00:18 1 <br> 2 estoppel, which we have a similar sort of principle or <br> 3 rule in our Civil Code. <br> 4 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: We've heard at least <br> 4 some testimony that the FEGUA Overseer signed <br> 5 Contracts 143 and 158 after by mutual agreement, <br> 6 Contract 41 was set aside as being null and void for <br> 7 the absence of Presidential approval, and the Overseer <br> 8 presumably signed that agreement, signed by both <br> 9 sides, and there was action pursuant on both sides to <br> 10 that contract. <br> 11 Is that a situation, in your opinion, in <br> 12 which this doctrine under Guatemalan law of estoppel <br> 13 would have relevance? <br> 14 THE wITNESS: I think so because this is a <br> 15 situation where the Party exercising control over the <br> 16 fact or the factor that would have cured the problem <br> 17 is the very Government. In other words, the private <br> 18 party cannot do anything to have the President ratify <br> 19 Contract 41 or any of the other contracts. This is <br> 20 something that's in the control of the Government, and <br> 21 they decide not to do it, well, then I would think <br> 22 they are estopped from bringing that as a cause for |

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| 03:02:00 1 nullity. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: We're, of course, not--we're making a judgment, as Professor Crawford said, under CAFTA, so this is a separate decision that we have to make. What criteria are there for invoking lesividad? Are there stated criteria beyond the President's making a determination of the interest of the State? What types of judgments must be made to make that determination that a particular act or contract is contrary to the interest of the State, or is it a purely discretionary matter? Do you know of what criteria in terms of previous either statutorily or by Court decisions over the years? <br> THE WITNESS: There isn't any criteria, no <br> 15 settled criteria as to what might be harmful to the <br> 16 interests of the State within the context of <br> 17 lesividad. There can be four people and six opinions <br> 18 as to that in a room at any given point in time; and, <br> 19 unfortunately, the few cases that in the last 25 years <br> 20 or so have made it to the Administrative Court have <br> 21 not, in my opinion, shed any light on that. <br> 22 ARBitramor bizengrat: If fegua had decided, | 03:04:53 1 that as a possible avenue for public contracts? <br> 2 <br> 3 the Public Procurement Act where contracts can be entered into without a bidding, cases of emergency or national security or where there is only one supplier or there is an intuitu persona kind of situation, but most of them are exceptions to the general rule that a bidding is required. <br> 9 <br> 10 opinion under Guatemalan law as to whether there <br> having been a bid for Contract 41, which was then <br> superseded by 143 and 158 , there was a requirement for a re-bid of 143 and 158 ? <br> 14 THE WITNESS: In my opinion, it is very <br> 15 important to point to the very specific object of the <br> 16 bidding. The bidding was in order to acquire the <br> 17 right to negotiate a Usufruct Contract with FEGUA. <br> 18 So, the winning of the bid was supposed to go and sit <br> 19 down within the general terms of the bidding process, <br> 20 then negotiate and conclude a contract. <br> 21 So, I think that this being the object of the <br> 22 bidding process, there is reasonable grounds to look |
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| 03:03:26 1 as they presumably did, that an executive approval was <br> 2 required for these contracts to be fully effective and <br> 3 the alleged illegality removed, would the President <br> 4 have been authorized to grant that approval as opposed <br> 5 to granting lesividad, or would that have been beyond <br> 6 his authority to do. <br> 7 THE WITNESS: In my opinion, that probably <br> 8 would have been the harder solution because again <br> 9 there aren't any specific legal provision <br> 10 on--provisions on the basis of which the President can <br> 11 issue such ratification, and the President or any <br> 12 other public official requires a legal basis for <br> 13 action, and where is the provision on the basis of <br> 14 which the President could have issued such <br> 15 ratification. <br> 16 So, that is why the reason why I venture in <br> 17 my opinion that the easiest way would have been to <br> 18 clarify the record to the effect that no ratification <br> 19 is required only because someone decided in the <br> 20 Bidding Terms that it was a good idea to have that. <br> 21 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Is there such a thing <br> 22 in Guatemalan law as no-bid contracts? Do you have | PAGE 1786 <br> $03: 06: 37$ 1 <br> 2 at Contracts 143 and 158 as the final stage in these <br> 3 fide negotiations leading to that sort of final <br> 4 concretion of the process. <br> 5 A second bidding would have, I think, been an <br> 6 implicit recognition that no rights existed, that the <br> 7 whole process had been somehow null, and hadn't <br> 8 produced any effects, and I fail to see how that would <br> 9 have been a cure. I think that would have been <br> 10 another way to kill a process that was certainly <br> 11 promoted by our own Government. <br> 12 ARBITRATOR EIzENSTAT: one last question. <br> 13 Under Guatemalan law, but also your experience in the <br> 14 country, we have a situation here in which there were <br> 15 two separate contracts: One, 402, which granted <br> 16 certain rights-of-way and control of rights-of-way, <br> 17 which was not implicated in the lesividad, and the <br> 18 second, the equipment, 143 and 158. Do you have an <br> 19 opinion as to whether if there had been a re-bid of <br> 20 just the Equipment Contract, there would have been a <br> 21 likelihood of another bidder bidding on that when that <br> 22 bidder would not have controlled the right-of-way for |

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| 03:08:20 1 the use of that equipment? <br> 2 THE WITNESS: In my opinion, the probability <br> 3 would be very, very low, close to nil, because of the <br> 4 other bidder would have--would have had only one other <br> 5 Party to enter a contract with for the use of the <br> 6 right-of-way, and so I wonder who would enter into a <br> 7 situation where there is only another Party in the <br> 8 world to contract with in order to use that equipment. <br> 9 I find it very, very improbable. <br> 10 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Okay. Thank you. <br> 11 PRESIDENT RIGO: Dr. Mayora, you said in <br> 12 respect of the Contract 143 , et cetera, in terms of <br> 13 possible ratification by the President that there was <br> 14 no specific provision under which the President could <br> 15 act, which is why you suggested other ways to solve <br> 16 this problem. Nonetheless, under Contract 402, it was <br> 17 ratified, was approved by Acuerdo Gubernativo after <br> 18 bidding, so it was something that had been done <br> 19 before. Do you have any comment on that in terms of <br> 20 your statement right now on this matter. <br> 21 THE WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, I think if I'm <br> 22 not mistaken, that 402 was ratified by Congress, and | 03:11:10 1 your Legal Opinion that he couldn't approve it because <br> 2 there was no basis upon which his Executive approval should have been sought in the first instance? <br> A. Yes, it is my opinion there aren't provisions in the laws of Guatemala or the regulations on the basis of which such Presidential ex post ratification could be given. <br> Q. And as you said, your recollection is that Contract 402 was only submitted to Congress for approval. You don't have a recollection that it was also submitted to the President for approval? <br> A. I don't have that recollection right now. <br> Q. Okay. <br> A. I do know that Congress did pass a resolution <br> 15 ratifying 402. But whether it was also sent to the <br> 16 President, I don't recall right now. <br> 17 Q. Thank you. <br> 18 In terms of options that were available, you <br> 19 said there were a number of options, and now we're <br> 20 talking about Contract 41 for a second. You said <br> 21 there were a number of options available to the <br> 22 Parties. Was one of those options that Ferrovías |
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| PAGE 1788 <br> 03:10:01 1 probably that was done on the basis that Congress <br> 2 approves concessions. I don't know, to be frank. But <br> 3 if there would have been also an Executive Decree <br> 4 ratifying Contract 402, it might well have been <br> 5 considered an ultra vires action on behalf of the <br> 6 President. <br> 7 $\quad$ PRESIDENT RIGO: I don't recall whether it <br> 8 was Congress or was the Government at this point, so <br> 9 it just occurred to me as I heard your statement that <br> 10 it had been approved of the previous Contract. <br> 11 Thank you. Mr. Stern, do you have any <br> 12 questions on the Tribunal questions? <br> 13 MR. STERN: No, I have no further questions. <br> 14 Thank you. <br> 15 PRESIDeNT RIGO: Mr. Orta? <br> 16 MR. ORTA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. <br> 17 RECROSS-EXAMINATION <br> 18 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 19 U. Just following up on some of the Tribunal <br> 20 questions, I'm going to start with the question by the <br> 21 Chairman. So, is it your view that the President, if <br> 22 the Contract were submitted to the President, is it | PAGE 1790 <br> $03: 12: 26$ 1 <br> 2 could have formally petitioned the Office of the <br> 3 of the Contract, that it could formally have <br> 4 petitioned Office of the President for it to approve <br> 5 Contract 41? <br> 6 A. On the basis of a technical petition or a <br> 7 petition on the basis of technical-legal grounds, I <br> 8 don't see how that was possible because again, you <br> 9 have to go to the Secretary-General and say I come <br> 10 here to petition on the basis of Article A, B, and C, <br> 11 that Mr. President shall ratify this contract. And <br> 12 so, what's the basis? <br> 13 The strongest basis again would have been <br> 14 there are these terms of reference for this bidding <br> 15 process, and it says that Mr. President must ratify <br> 16 this, so I petition that he does. <br> 17 Q. So, let's assume for a second that you're <br> 18 incorrect in terms of your opinion that Executive <br> 19 approval is not required. There has been another <br> 20 Opinion rendered in this case by a different <br> 21 Guatemalan Legal Expert who has opined, on the basis <br> 22 of other Guatemalan laws, including the Organic Law of |


| 03:13:46 1 FEGUA and the Constitution that Executive approval was 2 required. So, for purposes of this question, assume <br> 3 that that is the correct Opinion of whether Executive approval is required. <br> If you make that assumption, and there was no <br> approval from the President forthcoming for Contract <br> 41, could Ferrovías have petitioned the Office of the <br> Presidency for Executive approval--for approval of <br> Contract 41? <br> A. For a second time, you mean, or just once? <br> Q. Having not received approval from the President-- <br> A. Initially, you mean? <br> Q. $\mathrm{NO}, \mathrm{no}, \mathrm{no}$. Once the Contract was signed; okay? <br> A. Um -hmm. <br> Q. That's the starting point. <br> A. Okay. <br> Q. Once the Contract was finally negotiated and signed-- <br> A. Um-hmm. <br> Q. --and let's assume again that Executive | 03:15:59 1 either the "no" or the effective "no" through 2 administrative silence? <br> 3 A. Well, probably not to the Administrative <br> 4 Court. Perhaps it would have been more of an amparo <br> 5 action, but again, the fundamental point here is that <br> 6 if there were any provisions in our statutes mandating <br> 7 that Presidential ratification, I suspect that we <br> 8 wouldn't be sitting here. <br> 9 Q. Now, you said that no Executive approval was <br> 10 required because, in part, you say the Executive gave <br> 11 his approval when he agreed to the bidding process; <br> 12 correct? <br> 13 A. No, I'm saying that to maintain that there <br> 14 wasn't a governmental approval of the whole process is <br> 15 impossible to maintain; that the only thing that one <br> 16 could discuss is whether a formal Presidential <br> 17 ratification was legally required or not because it <br> 18 was the very President and his Government who promoted <br> 19 the privatization processes not only of the railroad <br> 20 system, but the post office, the telecommunications <br> 21 company, the electric sector, and on and on, so this <br> 22 was a national project at the time. |
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| PAGE 1792 <br> $03: 14: 43$ 1 <br> 2 approval in this hypothetical is required for this <br> 3 Was one of the options available for <br> 4 Ferrovias to petition the President at that point to <br> 5 approve the Contract under Guatemalan law? Was that <br> 6 an option they had? <br> 7 A. You know, on your assumption, it was an <br> 8 option because, of course, the assumption is the <br> 9 highest premise, yes. <br> 10 $\quad$. Okay. And under Article 16 of the <br> 11 administrative law, if the President had not answered <br> 12 that petition within 30 days, that would have been the <br> 13 equivalent of saying no to that petition; correct? <br> 14 It's the principle of administrative silence? <br> 15 A. That's correct, yeah. <br> 16 Q. And if Ferrovías had made such a petition, <br> 17 and had either received a "no" or received no response <br> 18 after 30 days, they could then have filed an action in <br> 19 the Guatemalan Courts to compel the President to sign <br> 20 or to make a determination, I should say, about <br> 21 whether or not to approve the Contract; correct? That <br> 22 would have been a remedy that they had after they got |  |

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| 03:18:58 1 between each other. That's certainly not something <br> 2 the President could approve in advance; correct? He wouldn't have known what those terms were going to be. <br> A. No. And he was not required to do that under law. <br> Q. Okay. In terms of the bidding law, first of all, you do agree that the Bidding Terms, Article 6.4, of Contract 41 required Presidential approval; <br> correct? You said that before. <br> A. They've included that, yeah. <br> Q. And you always recognize, don't you, that the bidding--those very Bidding Terms were incorporated in Contract 143. <br> A. Yeah. <br> Q. And so, by incorporating those Bidding Terms into Contract 143, they were incorporating all of the terms, including the one that required Executive approval; correct? <br> A. Yeah, you could say that, yeah. <br> Q. And you're familiar with article 89 of the bidding law; correct? Or of the Public Contracting 22 Law? | 03:21:25 1 the Terms of Reference are no legal means to amend 2 statutes or to amend regulations. <br> 3 Q. Okay. <br> 4 MR. ORTA: I have nothing further, thank you. <br> 5 QUESTIONS FROM THE TRIBUNAL <br> 6 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I just have one more <br> 7 question that we didn't get into. <br> $8 \quad$ One of the issues that we have to face here <br> 9 is whether the Declaration of Lesividad was, in <br> 10 effect, a final action or simply a process given the <br> 11 fact that it could be appealed and that the <br> 12 Administrative Court has to make a final judgment, and <br> 13 I think this has been pending around four years now. <br> 14 Do you have any opinion about the finality or <br> 15 impact of the Lesividad Declaration when you have a <br> 16 judicial review that is available and is still going <br> 17 on as we speak? <br> 18 THE WITNESS: Well, in my opinion, the whole <br> 19 design of the institution of lesividad is of such <br> 20 nature that, as I've argued in my statements in my <br> 21 Reports to the Tribunal, it becomes almost final, and <br> 22 that is, in part, due to the object of the Declaration |
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| PAGE 1796  <br> $03: 20: 03$ 1 A. The one in force at the time? <br> 2 Q. Yeah, the one in force in 2003.  <br> 3 A. Yeah, I'm familiar with it.  <br> 4 Q. And Article 89 of the public bidding law  <br> 5 requires that a contract that arises out of a public  <br> 6 bidding process comply with the Bidding Terms;  <br> 7 correct?  <br> 8 A. Yeah.  <br> 9 Q. So, in other words, it would be incorrect to  <br> 10 incorporate terms of a bidding Contract that required  <br> 11 one to do X, but then one to not do X. That would be  <br> 12 incorrect under Article 89 of the bidding law, of the  <br> 13 Public Contracting Law?  <br> 14 A. Yes. of course, as we all know, on the basis  <br> 15 of the rules of logic, 89 cannot possibly be construed  <br> 16 to allow for the inclusion of Bidding Terms above the  <br> 17 law.  <br> 18 Q. Right. And I guess the basic point is if the  <br> 19 Bidding Terms say you have to do $X$ and you incorporate  <br> 20 those Bidding Terms into a contract, then you have to  <br> 21 do $X$ in that contract?  <br> 22 A. If it's legally required or mandated, because  | 03:22:40 1 of Lesividad; namely, harmfulness to the interests of the State. <br> And $B$, given the very unfortunate situation that the Court system in our country is currently not providing the adequate protection of the law, in general I think this is a notorious fact and something that makes us very sad and very concerned, but it is a reality. <br> And so, in that setting, a Declaration of Lesividad has almost the practical effect of destroying the business or making it very unlikely that it could be viable again after years and years of litigation. <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: Mr. Stern, anything on that question? <br> MR. STERN: No, I have nothing further. <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: Mr. Orta? <br> MR. ORTA: Just one. <br> FURTHER RECROSS-EXAMINATION <br> BY MR. ORTA: <br> Q. You agree, don't you, that it is the <br> Administrative Court who ultimately decides whether |

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| PAGE 1803 <br> $03: 48: 44$ PRESIDENT RIGO: Sorry for interrupting you. <br> 2 since you are being simultaneously interpreted, if you <br> 3 read and when you speak but especially when you read, <br> 4 you need to bear this mind. Slower, slower. <br> 5 THE WITNESS: In the Second Report, I <br> 6 erroneously cited the number 379-2006 when I referred <br> 7 to the administrative proceeding brought by the <br> 8 Republic of Guatemala against the Autonomous Sports <br> 9 Federation. The correct number is 371-2009. <br> 10 $\quad$ Otherwise, I ratify in their entirety the two <br> 11 Reports that I had submitted. <br> 12 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 13 Q. Thank you, Mr. Aguilar. <br> 14 I would like to ask you a series of questions <br> 15 based on issues that have been under discussion in <br> 16 these proceedings. The first is there have--there has <br> 17 been questions--or there have been questions raised <br> 18 about the lack of Governmental approval, lack of <br> 19 executive approval of Contract 41. <br> 20 Having reviewed the record, do you have any <br> 21 opinions as to why it is that that Contract may not <br> 22 have been approved by the executive? | 03:52:57 1 notes that all those Acts and Contracts in which the <br> 2 Guatemalan State is involved must be formalized before <br> 3 a Government Notary. The Government Notary is a <br> 4 public officer who provides services free of charge. <br> 5 But this notwithstanding, Article 49 of the Law on <br> 6 Public Procurement also indicates that interested <br> 7 Parties may request that a Notary other than a <br> 8 Government Notary be the one to formalize the <br> 9 Contract. Contract 41, I repeat, was not formalized <br> 10 by the Government Notary. <br> 11 It's important to note that this Contract for <br> 12 Usufruct of the Railway Equipment, at its Clause <br> 13 Number 20, provides for the obligation to register the <br> 14 Usufruct Contract in the General Property Register. <br> 15 Guatemala follows the system of public registry or <br> 16 registration of property through a public office which <br> 17 is the General Property Registry, where Acts and <br> 18 Contracts that affect real property rights over real <br> 19 and movable property is to be registered. <br> 20 Specifically in the case of railways, there <br> 21 is a provision in the Civil Code, which requires the <br> 22 entry in the Registry of any act related to movables |
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| PAGE 1804 <br> 03:50:34 1 <br> 2 A. Yave the exact date, but it was signed in 1999, on the <br> 3 23rd of March, before Notary Marco Antonio Cornejo <br> 4 Marroquin; and, to this day, after almost 12 years, <br> 5 the Contract wasn't approved by the Guatemalan State. <br> 6 This question also raises at the same time <br> 7 two additional questions, which are why did Ferrovías <br> 8 not uphold its right to demand of the President of the <br> 9 Republic approval of that Contract? <br> 10 And the third question is, in whose interest <br> 11 was it that that Contract not be approved? And, in <br> 12 order, I'm going to refer to the first issue. <br> 13 Contract 41, which refers to Onerous Usufruct <br> 14 of the Railway Equipment was formalized before an <br> 15 independent Notary, not a Government Notary, which <br> 16 meant that Ferrovías had chosen this Notary and, <br> 17 consequently, it had the obligation to pay the <br> 18 Notary's fees and to attend to all the obligations <br> 19 that arise after the Contract. <br> 20 Now, here I would like to highlight one <br> 21 particularity on State Law Contracts. Article 49 of <br> 22 the Law on State Contracts or a public procurement | 03:55:24 1 related to the railway. The key and important aspect 2 of everything that I'm describing is that, according 3 to Article 1129 of the Civil Code, no authority, 4 including the public--the President of the Republic, 5 no authority may receive or value or characterize a 6 contract which, subject to registration, has not been 7 registered. <br> 8 The response to the question as to why the <br> 9 Government of Guatemala did not approve Contract 41 is <br> 10 because it does not appear that that Contract was <br> 11 entered in the General Property Registry; and, <br> 12 consequently, as there's a provision that prohibits <br> 13 the authorities from receiving or attending to a <br> 14 Contract not in the Property Registry, it was <br> 15 impossible, legally, for the Guatemalan State to be <br> 16 able to approve that Contract. This explains the <br> 17 first question. <br> 18 And the second, which goes to the issue as to <br> 19 whether Ferrovías had some legal action available to <br> 20 it to exercise its right to have that Contract <br> 21 registered, in the Guatemalan Constitution there is a <br> 22 provision on the right to petition under which the |

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| 03:57:11 1 State or the authority must resolve within 30 days <br> 2 following a petition put forth pursuant to the right <br> 3 to petition. Ferrovías did not present a Usufruct <br> 4 Contract that was registered in the Railway Property <br> 5 Registry, nor did it remedy the situation through a <br> 6 right of petition. <br> 7 As regards the particularities associated <br> 8 with the fact that Ferrovías has not requested <br> 9 authorization nor obtained the registration, it's <br> 10 important to note the letters which I cited in my <br> 11 respective reports which gave rise to an illegal <br> 12 possession of the railway equipment by Ferrovías, and <br> 13 particularly I refer to the letter of 9 April 1999. <br> 14 In its context, that letter was directed to <br> 15 the Overseer of Ferrovías de Guatemala to 17 days <br> 16 after Contract 41 of 23 March 1999 was signed. In <br> 17 that letter, Ferrovías asked that prior to taking <br> 18 possession of the railway equipment, or rather that it <br> 19 take possession of the railway equipment, even though <br> 20 it knew that the Contract would not enter into force <br> 21 pursuant to Clause 6 until 30 days after its approval <br> 22 by the President of the Republic and Council of | 04:01:44 1 for the use of equipment, and accepted for payment to 2 be done monthly. <br> 3 In August 2002, Ferrovías is requested to pay <br> 4 the amounts that they were asked to pay but that were 5 never paid up to August 12th, 2003. <br> 6 Q. Mr. Aguilar, I apologize for interrupting <br> 7 your answer, per rules set by the Tribunal, and <br> 8 accepted by the Parties, we only had 15 minutes to <br> 9 have questions and answers, and I'm told I only have a <br> 10 minute or so left. So I think, and I assume you're <br> 11 going to be asked questions about the issue that you <br> 12 were just testifying about when the Tribunal and <br> 13 opposing counsel have an opportunity to ask you <br> 14 questions, I wanted to ask you an additional question, <br> 15 which is, to your understanding, and if you could try <br> 16 to limit your response to no more than a minute so <br> 17 that we're within our timeframe, to your understanding <br> 18 would the President of Guatemala incur in any personal <br> 19 liability if he had not proceeded with the Declaration <br> 20 of Lesividad in relation to Contract 143 and 158 when <br> 21 that issue was presented to him by his legal advisors <br> 22 within the Secretary-General's Office of the Office of |
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| 03:59:27 1 Ministers. <br> 2 In the letter, it is asked that the equipment <br> 3 be delivered to it, and that it be the guarantor of <br> 4 their maintenance. On the 12th of April, which is to <br> 5 say three days later, and 20 days after the Contract <br> 6 which had not yet come into force was signed, <br> 7 Ferrovías received from FEGUA the railway equipment <br> 8 without any provisions of public or transparent <br> 9 provisions having been set such as those that had been <br> 10 undertaken in Contract 41. <br> 11 It was not until the 16th of February 2000 <br> 12 that Ferrovías insisted that the authorization outside <br> 13 of the framework of the Contract for the use of the <br> 14 equipment be maintained and without there being any <br> 15 particular methodology, paid the sum of 7,500 <br> 16 quetzales for the use of the equipment in a proportion <br> 17 that assigned that value for the use of equipment in <br> 18 the month of January 2000. <br> 19 In that letter, key conditions are changed of <br> 20 Contract 41, and it is stated that payments would be <br> 21 carried out monthly. Ferrovías Overseer in the letter <br> 22 dated February 25th, 2000, ratified the authorization | 04:03:43 1 the Presidency? <br> 2 A. There was absolutely liability, and also the President had the obligation to declare Lesividad because of the simple reason that because of the separation of power as stated in Guatemala, the Declaration of Lesividad only refers to declaring that there is damage, which cannot be judged or assessed by the President since the only ones to do so are the Court or the judicial system. And if he had decided upon his own discretion not to declare Lesividad, he would have caused a problem with the jurisdiction and because of his powers he had to declare Lesividad because, otherwise, based on Articles 153 and 154 of the Constitution he would have had personal liability. <br> Q. Thank you, sir. <br> MR. ORTA: I have no further questions at this time. <br> 18 PRESIDENT RIGO: Mr. Stern. <br> 19 MR. STERN: Thank you, Mr. President. <br> 20 CROSS-EXAMINATION <br> 21 BY MR. STERN: <br> 22 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Aguilar. |

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| 04:05:19 1 A. Good afternoon. <br> 2 Q. In your direct testimony in response to <br> Mr. Orta's question, you testified that--you attempted <br> to explain why you believe the President never <br> approved Contract 41, but you never spoke with <br> President Arzu and asked him why he never approve <br> Contract 41; correct? <br> A. I didn't have any need to talk to him because <br> I am resorting to the Civil Code, and the Civil Code <br> of Guatemala demands for a contract to be qualified by <br> the authority to be recorded in the Property Registry. <br> Q. Okay. First of all in answering my <br> questions, I would just ask that you please try to <br> answer my questions as precisely as possible since I <br> have a limited amount of time to ask you questions. I <br> would appreciate that. <br> And again, just to be clear, you did not <br> speak with President Arzu. I understand you said you <br> didn't have a reason to, but you never spoke to <br> President Arzu and had him explain to you why he never approved Contract 41; correct? <br> 22 A. I did not talk to President Arzu, and I | 04:08:41 1 absolutely no discretion under Guatemalan law to refuse to issue the Declaration of Lesividad; correct? <br> A. That is correct. <br> Q. Okay. And in Paragraph 37 of your First <br> Report, you cite as the basis for that Opinion in Footnote 24 Articles 153 and 154 of the Constitution and Article 16 of the Law of the Executive; correct? <br> A. That is correct. <br> Q. Okay. Could you now turn in the binder you have to RL-70, and that is on Tab 18 of that binder. Do you have that, sir? <br> A. Yes, but this is the Political Constitution of the Republic; correct? <br> MR. ORTA: You're saying Tab 17? <br> BY MR. STERI: <br> Q. I'm sorry. I apologize. Tab 18. <br> I apologize. Let me ask you this way, and <br> you could tell me if I'm wrong: Isn't it true that <br> Article 153 of the Guatemalan Constitution states that <br> the rule of law extends to all persons in the <br> territory of the Republic? <br> 22 A. For some reason that I do not know, that is |
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| 04:07:04 1 didn't have a need to do so because my analysis is based on the laws of Guatemala and the laws of Guatemala from a practical standpoint determined that no authority can examine or assess a contract when it is not recorded in the Property Registry. <br> Q. All right. Let me ask you some questions about your response to the second question Mr. Orta asked you regarding the President's legal liability, if he doesn't declare a contract lesividad. <br> In Paragraph 37 of your First Report--do you have that in front of you? <br> A. Yes. <br> Q. It's there in your First Report, in Paragraph <br> 37 is where you state that the President would have incurred personal liability if he did not declare Contracts 143 and 158 Lesivo before the three year deadline of August 25th, 2006; correct? <br> A. That is correct. <br> Q. And, in other words, it's your opinion that once the President had been advised by his lawyers and advisors, that they considered Contracts 153 and 158 Lesivo, the President and his Cabinet Ministers had | 04:11:37 1 not--that rule is not at this Tab, but basically it is 2 about the rules that govern the responsibility of 3 public officials saying that they're not above the law 4 and that they are subject to liability. But that is not here. That is not at this Tab. <br> 6 PRESIDENT RIGO: Certain pages are missing in the Tab. <br> MR. STERN: I apologize. There has been an error in that regard. I apologize. <br> BY MR. STERI: <br> Q. Okay. And correct me if I'm wrong, is it your understanding that Article 154 of the Constitution states that Government employees are vested with the authority, legally responsible for their official conduct, subject to the law and never above it? <br> A. Yes, that is correct. It implies that no one, including the authorities, are above the law; therefore, they're responsible for all of their actions that could be against the law. <br> Q. So, there is nothing in that Article which states that the President is subject to personal |

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| 04:13:01 1 liability if he fails to declare a contract Lesivo 2 once he's been so advised; correct? <br> 3 A. No, that is not correct. The concept of Lesividad is linked in this law to the damage or harm caused as stated in the Spanish dictionary. The 6 President of the Republic as an official who heads the executive, and that's the reason why I also cited Article 16 of the executive--Law of the Executive, states that he should act according to the law. 10 And also in the Declaration of Lesividad, the 11 actions, the legal actions, to repair damages are intended to be started; otherwise, he would be impeached as stated by the Courts, and the Courts would be the ones determining the Declaration or the legal aspect of the Declaration. <br> 16 Q. So, it's your testimony that Article 154 <br> 17 provides for all of that what you just testified to, <br> 18 that if the President doesn't declare Lesivo upon <br> 19 being so advised by his advisors that those are the 20 consequences? Is that your testimony? <br> 21 A. What I'm saying is that the rule applies to <br> 22 all public officials. Authorities, the President has | 04:16:32 1 A. I never quoted it, and it was not the subject matter of my Opinion. <br> Q. Let me change topics. <br> It's your opinion, Mr. Aguilar, that <br> Contracts 143 and 158 were absolutely null and void under Guatemalan law; correct? <br> A. That is correct. <br> Q. And, in fact, you wrote in Paragraph 43 of <br> your Second Report, "Contract 143/158 is not even a <br> valid Contract. It is a nonexisting Contract because <br> it never fulfilled the requirements under Guatemalan <br> law to legally exist." <br> Did I read that correctly? Paragraph 43 of your Second Report. <br> A. Yes, it is correct. <br> Q. Now, in connection with rendering your Expert <br> opinions in this case, you reviewed all of the <br> parallel legal opinions that the Government rendered <br> and obtained regarding Contracts 143 and 158, didn't you? <br> A. Yes. <br> Q. Okay. Could you turn to Exhibit C-106, which |
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| 04:14:54 1 the power, and he's responsible from the legal point 2 of view for the acts carried out against the law. And when there are opinions that indicate that there is any harm to the interest of the State, the President cannot qualify, whether such harm was real or not. 6 That is--he's the executive, he represents the executive, he heads the executive; therefore, he should move on to a claim, and it would be the Courts the one determining whether there was harm or not. <br> Q. Are you aware of any precedent in Guatemalan law--Legal Opinions, Court decisions, anything--in which a President has been charged with personal legal liability for not issuing a Declaration of Lesividad once so advised by his legal advisors? <br> A. No, I don't know of any situation like that. <br> Q. So, as far as you know, it's never happened once in Guatemala; correct? <br> A. I think it is different, the fact that I may not know of a situation, and this is different from this actually not happening. <br> 21 Q. Well, certainly in rendering your opinion 22 here you didn't find anything; right? | PAGE 1818 <br> 04:18:04 1 is Tab 9 in your binder. <br> Do you have that there? <br> A. Yes, I imagine it is the request by Oscar <br> Gramajo; is that correct? <br> Q. Yes. This is the request from June 22nd, 2005, from FEGUA Overseer Dr. Gramajo to the Attorney <br> General's Office requesting a legal opinion regarding Contracts 143 and 158; correct? <br> A. Yes, it is correct. <br> Q. And if you now could turn to Tab 10 , which is Exhibit C-107, and Exhibit C-107 is a June 28th, 2005, letter from the Attorney General's Office to FEGUA in which it returned the case file to Dr. Gramajo and requested further information--and requested further information on the status of Contract 143, which it said was necessary for it to render its Opinion; correct? <br> A. Yes, that is correct. <br> Q. And among the questions the Attorney General asked FEGUA in this document here were, one, whether Contract 143 was currently effective or not; correct? 22 A. That is correct. |

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| 04:20:03 $1 \quad$ Q. And another question they asked was what was the total amount of fees paid by Ferrovías to the State under the terms of Contract 143; correct? <br> A. Yes. <br> Q. Okay. And another question they asked was whether Ferrovías had complied with making the fee payments or not and whether those payments were timely; correct? <br> A. Correct, that's the question. <br> Q. Okay. Now, please turn to Tab 11. <br> A. Yes. <br> Q. In Tab 11 is Exhibit $\mathrm{C}-108$, and this was <br> FEGUA's July 18th, 2000, response to the Attorney <br> General's inquiry; correct? <br> A. Would you please say the date again? <br> Q. Sure. If you look on the second page of the note or the letter from Dr. Gramajo? <br> A. Yes. <br> Q. July 18, 2005. Do you see that? <br> A. Yes, I saw it. It is correct. <br> Q. And Dr. Gramajo attached to his letter a | 04:22:52 1 quoted, it says, "accordingly, the contract relevant 2 to FEGUA's petition to the Solicitor General's Office <br> 3 is documented by Public Instrument Number 143, which 4 is currently in effect. It is also under the terms of <br> 5 this Contract that the Usufructary is using the <br> 6 railway equipment." <br> 7 Correct? Did I read that right? <br> 8 A. Yes, you read it correctly. <br> 9 Q. So, here, FEGUA's Legal Department certainly <br> 10 didn't think that Contract 143 was null and void, did 11 it? <br> 12 A. No, I think that here the issue has to do <br> 13 with the terms used. Article 1301 of the Civil Code <br> 14 states that contracts that are null do not have a <br> 15 legal effect, so we need to make a difference between <br> 16 the legal effect from the practical implementation of <br> 17 Contracts that are null, and this Contract is null. <br> 18 And just to give you an example, they changed <br> 19 the Canon, the payment for the use of equipment from <br> 201 percent, that was the original amount that was <br> 21 agreed, based on net invoice into $1.25-$-from gross <br> 22 invoicing to net invoicing 1.25 percent after the |
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| 04:21:29 1 July 15, 2005, Opinion from FEGUA's Legal Department; 2 correct? <br> A. Correct. <br> Q. And you're familiar with this Opinion; right? <br> You reviewed it and understood it in providing your opinions in this case; correct? <br> A. That's correct. <br> Q. Now, in this Opinion, in Exhibit C -108, in response to the Attorney General's question on whether <br> 10 Contract 143 was currently effective, this Opinion <br> 11 states, "the Contract involving railway equipment <br> 12 entered into with CODEFE on August 28, 2003, as <br> 13 documented by Public Instrument Number 143 as amended <br> 14 by Contract 158 both authorized by Claudia Mariela <br> 15 Marroquin Luther, Notary, is currently in effect." <br> 16 So, here, FEGUA's Legal Department in <br> 17 response to a request from the Attorney General's <br> 18 Office regarding Contracts 143 and 158 acknowledge <br> 19 that those contracts were currently in effect; <br> 20 correct? <br> 21 A. Yes. <br> 22 Q. And also at the end of this paragraph I just | 04:24:19 1 deduction of taxes. Indeed, 143, Ferrovías exempted <br> 2 itself from the payment of taxes and also reduced the <br> 3 Canon due to the payment of the-- <br> 4 Q. Excuse me, sir-- <br> 5 A. Due to the payment owed. <br> 6 Q. I don't think your answer here is responsive <br> to my question, so I'm going to move on, okay? <br> A. There is a connection here because we are referring to the implementation and to the legal effect. <br> 11 What I wrote at Clause 43 of my Opinion is <br> 12 that based on Guatemalan law, a contract that is null <br> doesn't have a legal effect, but you're asking me <br> here, and you're asking me to see here that a contract <br> was implemented, and that contract was and is against <br> the Guatemalan laws and, therefore, it is null. We <br> are referring to implementation, which is quite <br> different from legal effect. What I wrote in my <br> Opinion is that based on the law, a contract that is null does not have a legal effect, and I ratify this. <br> 21 Q. Okay. So, if I understand your testimony, <br> 22 are you saying that FEGUA's Legal Department, their |


| 04:25:37 1 lawyers were not telling the Attorney General, the top legal officer in the country, that Contract 143 was currently in effect, legally in effect; is that what you're telling us? <br> A. They were saying that it was being implemented, that it could have effects but not legal effects because legal effects are not recognized in the Civil Code at Article 1301, and that is what I wrote in my Opinion. <br> Q. Okay. But in this Opinion here, it doesn't say anything about implementation, does it? <br> A. In what Opinion? My Opinion? <br> Q. The FEGUA Legal Opinion we've been talking about, sir. <br> A. The Opinion was about facts. It was not a legal opinion. They were doing what it was agreed, and they are saying yes, this is being complied with, it has been implemented, but it does not mean that the Contract is a valid Contract. It is the Contract--the 20 Contract is null because it went against key laws in 21 Guatemala, of the Guatemalan State. <br> 22 Q. Just so we're clear, it's your testimony that | 04:28:08 1 Attorney General of Guatemala that Ferrovías had paid <br> 2 FEGUA to date 596,817 in Canon fees for use of the <br> 3 FEGUA equipment; correct? <br> 4 MR. ORTA: Could you just clarify that that's quetzales. <br> BY MR. STERN: <br> Q. Yes, I'm sorry. Let me state it again. <br> Now, this Opinion, it also acknowledges that <br> Ferrovías had paid FEGUA to date 596,817 quetzales and <br> Canon fees for use of the FEGUA equipment which <br> included the fees Ferrovias had paid pursuant to the <br> terms of Contract 41; correct? <br> A. I would like to clarify something because <br> this is something that's very important. <br> 15 Ferrovías paid on February 20th, <br> 2000--7,500-- <br> Q. Excuse me, sir, the question just had to do with what the Opinion states. <br> 19 MR. ORTA: Could I be heard, please? <br> 20 PRESIDENT RIGO: Yes. <br> 21 MR. ORTA: He said in his question pursuant <br> 22 to Contract 41, and the Witness is responding directly |
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| PAGE 1824 <br> 04:26:57 1 <br> 2 this document, Exhibit C-108, this Legal Opinion, this <br> 2 Opinion from FEGUA's Legal Department is not stating <br> 3 that Contract 143 is legally in effect; is that your <br> 4 testimony? <br> 5 MR. ORTA: The question has been asked and <br> 6 answered a couple of times. I think we can move on. <br> 7 BY MR. STERII: <br> 8 Q. Okay. I'll move on. You would agree that an <br> 9 absolutely null and void Contract under Guatemalan law <br> 10 cannot be in effect; correct? <br> 11 A. I totally agree. It cannot have an effect, <br> 12 but it cannot be ratified, either. <br> 13 Q. Okay. So, is it your opinion that Exhibit <br> 14 C-108, the FeGUA Legal Opinion, is wrong? <br> 15 A. No, the Legal Opinion by FeGua is not a legal <br> 16 opinion on the Contract; rather, it refers to a <br> 17 factual relationship that has to do with <br> 18 implementation of something that was agreed in a <br> 19 Contract which is null. It is very different from <br> 20 saying that this was a legal Contract on the validity <br> 21 or not of the Contract. <br> 22 Q. Now, this Opinion also acknowledges to the |  |


| PAGE 1827 <br> 04:30:47 1 That's the reason why I said that in that Contract <br> 2 they granted themselves tax benefits because they <br> changed the basis for the calculation, and that is <br> something that is against the laws of the country and that renders that Contract null. <br> BY MR. STERN: <br> Q. Okay. I'm just going to just read the last <br> sentence of the Opinion under the heading "regarding <br> Subsection B." It says, "As a result up to <br> December 31st, 2004, the State of Guatemala, through <br> FEGUA, has received from the Usufructary the total of <br> 596, 817 quetzales and 87 cents as payment of fees for <br> the use of railway equipment." <br> Did I read that correctly? <br> A. Yes, you read it correctly. <br> Q. Now, under the heading "Subsection C " of this Opinion, FEGUA further acknowledges that Ferrovías was up to date in the payment of Canon fees for use of the railway equipment; correct? <br> 20 A. The letters that I cited of August 2002 show <br> 21 otherwise. Ferrovías was--collected the money several <br> 22 times, but it wasn't updated. | PAGE 1829 <br> $04: 33: 39$ 1 <br> 2 because of the fact that this was a null and void <br> 3 from Ferrovías. <br> 4 Q. I'm not sure you answered my question. You <br> 5 talked about some filing that's been made in the <br> 6 Court. My question was, again: Is it proper, under <br> 7 Guatemalan law, for the Government to accept <br> 8 performance and benefits under-- <br> 9 THE INTERPRETER: Could you repeat the <br> 10 question and go a little bit slower, please. I'm not <br> 11 able to interpret at this rapid pace, sorry, sir. <br> 12 MR. STERN: Okay. <br> 13 $\quad$ BY MR. STERN: <br> 14 $\quad$ Q. Is it proper under Guatemalan law for the <br> 15 Government to accept performance and benefits under a <br> 16 Contract that it has determined to be null, void, and <br> 17 of no effect? <br> 18 A. The Government did not accept to benefit from <br> 19 that Contract; and, as a consequence of Lesividad and <br> 20 on the basis, and I repeat on the basis of <br> 21 Article 1312 of the Civil Code, the Government of <br> 22 Guatemala gave back the monies that it received under |
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| 04:32:14 $1 \quad$ Q. Okay. But this is from July of 2005. Do you 2 have any reason to disagree with the statement here in <br> 3 the Opinion that Ferrovías was up to date in its <br> 4 payment of Canon fees for the equipment? <br> 5 A. Yes, of course, because the payment is the <br> 6 fulfillment of an obligation, and the obligation was <br> 7 actually denatured because they went from a gross <br> 8 invoice to a net invoice. <br> 9 Q. Is it proper under Guatemalan law for the <br> 10 Government to accept performance and benefits under a <br> 11 contract that is determined to be null and void and of <br> 12 no effect? <br> 13 A. In my Opinion specifically, I said that when <br> 14 Guatemala required the Lesividad of the Contracts in <br> 15 the petition of the Court ruling and under <br> 16 Article 1312 of the Code of Guatemala, the State of <br> 17 Guatemala surrendered back to Ferrovías the amounts of <br> 18 monies that were incorrectly and illegally awarded to <br> 19 it because the effect of the null and void nature of <br> 20 this situation is for things to go back to the <br> 21 original status, and this is a petition that was put <br> 22 forth to the Tribunals where the State of Guatemala | 04:34:42 1 a Contract that was null and void and illegal. <br> 2 In answer to your question, no. The State of <br> 3 Guatemala did not enrich itself, nor has it benefited <br> 4 from monies that come from a null and void Contract. <br> 5 Q. Are you saying that the Government of <br> 6 Guatemala has returned to Ferrovías the Canon fees <br> 7 that Ferrovías paid to it under Contracts 143 and 158? <br> 8 Is that your testimony, sir? <br> 9 A. What I'm saying to you is that in the Court <br> 10 proceedings where the Lesivo Declaration is being <br> 11 discussed, one of the things that the Guatemalan State <br> 12 required was the surrendering back of those Canon <br> 13 fees. <br> 14 Q. Has the money been given back, to your <br> 15 knowledge? To this day, has the money been given 16 back? <br> 17 A. No. What happens is that this is a process <br> 18 that's going on, and the judgment has not been handed <br> 19 down. The surrender is done according to the laws of 20 the country with interest. <br> 21 Q. Now, if I understand your testimony in your <br> 22 reports, because Contracts 143 and 158 were absolutely |

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| 04:35:59 1 null and void, the defects in these contracts could <br> 2 not be cured or resolved through negotiation between 3 the Parties; correct? <br> A. In connection with that Contract <br> specifically, 143 and 158, no. <br> Now, in connection with the disposition and <br> dues of the property, well, the State of Guatemala <br> asked the owner, the State of Guatemala can negotiate. <br> (Pause.) <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: We can continue. <br> BY MR. STERN: <br> Q. Okay. Let me ask this question again because <br> I'm not sure I understood your answer. <br> 14 Let's look at Paragraph 77 of your Second <br> 15 Report. You wrote here in Paragraph 77--do you have <br> 16 that, sir? <br> 17 A. Yes, I found it. <br> 18 Q. Okay. You wrote: "by contrast in the case <br> 19 of absolute nullity, the defect cannot be cured <br> 20 because it affects an essential requirement for the <br> 21 existence of the Contract. In this regard, Contract <br> 22 143/158 suffers from defects that cannot be cured and | 04:40:25 1 A. As far as I understand and I know, the <br> 2 Government of Guatemala never negotiated the curing of 3 the defects of 143 and 158. <br> 4 What the Government did, as the owner of the 5 property, was to negotiate the rights that it had over <br> 6 its property in a legal manner, something that was <br> 7 different from the manner which they had been <br> 8 negotiated under 143 and 158. <br> 9 In other words, the issue was not to cure the <br> 10 defects of 143 and 158 . Those cannot be cured. The <br> 11 issue was to regulate under the law the use of the <br> 12 equipment. This is a very important conceptual <br> 13 difference. <br> 14 Q. So, explain to me how did the Parties use the <br> 15 equipment--how did Ferrovías use the equipment that <br> 16 was different from the terms of Contracts 143 and 158 <br> 17 after the Contracts were entered into in August of <br> 18 2003? <br> 19 A. Basically, as I indicated, in a letter dated <br> 209 April 1999, Ferrovías took the equipment knowing <br> 21 that the Contract had not been in effect. And it had <br> 22 them under its use and possession without an approved |
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| 04:38:42 1 which emphasize the absolute nullity of the 2 negotiation. <br> 3 Did I read that correctly? <br> 4 A. That is correct. <br> 5 Q. See if I can understand your testimony. Is <br> 6 it your testimony that because Contracts 143 and 158 <br> 7 were absolutely null and void, the defects in these <br> 8 Contracts could not be cured or resolved through <br> 9 negotiation between the Government and Ferrovias? <br> 10 A. Contracts 143 and 158 cannot be cured because <br> 11 they're null and void. Contracts 143 and 158. <br> 12 I would like to highlight this because what <br> 13 the Government was able to negotiate was the <br> 14 disposition of its property by using them in the <br> 15 manner that the violated laws had set forth. <br> 16 Q. So, assume that the facts were in this case <br> 17 that the Government and people and officials from <br> 18 FEGUA attempted to negotiate with Ferrovías a way to <br> 19 cure the illegalities of Contract 143 and 158, assume <br> 20 that was the facts-would that have been--in your <br> 21 view, would that not be a proper or proper under <br> 22 Guatemalan law? | PAGE 1834 <br> $04: 41: 59$ 1 <br> 2 Contract. Then it entered into 143 for Onerous <br> 3 without public requirements that are needed for the <br> 4 disposition of Government property. That's is why I <br> 5 say Contract 143 and 158 cannot be cured, neither <br> 6 could they be the subject of any negotiation, or can <br> 7 be negotiated, even today, are the provisions under <br> 8 which Ferrovías would have been legally able to use <br> 9 the equipment owned by FeGua. That is what was on the <br> 10 table, not the consolidation of null and void <br> 11 contracts. <br> 12 Q. So, you're saying it's your understanding of <br> 13 the facts that Ferrovias, after August of 2003, when <br> 14 Contracts 143 and 158 were entered into, they <br> 15 continued to use the railway equipment pursuant to the <br> 16 terms of the letter authorizations that were given by <br> 17 FeGua back in 1999; is that right? <br> 18 A. That's not exactly correct. Let's separate <br> 19 this issue of use. <br> 20 Ferrovías continued to use the equipment from <br> 21 2000 after the onerous Usufruct Contract was entered <br> 22 into, but it didn't do it in the same conditions that |

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| 04:43:22 1 were established in Contract 41. There was an 2 exchange of letters, and there was a change in the Canon fee payment, from a yearly to a monthly payment, and then we went from net invoicing, from gross invoice to net invoicing. So it continued to use the equipment, changing the conditions, and doing it besides the law because there was no transparency, the public requirement was not established, and there was no Bidding Terms, either. <br> Q. All right. Let's go to a different topic. My first question on this topic is: It's <br> your opinion, or you maintain, that Contracts 143 and 158 are Administrative Contracts; correct? <br> A. That is correct. <br> Q. And it's your opinion, according to your <br> Expert Opinions, that the Declaration of Lesividad was the only legal means available by which the Government could deal with the alleged illegalities of Contracts 143 and 158 ; correct? <br> A. That is correct. <br> Q. And as you point out, for instance, in Paragraph 65 of your Second Report, the Contencioso | 04:46:03 $1 \quad$ Q. And the Contencioso Administrativo Court can 2 hear claims by the state for breach of an <br> 3 Administrative Contract; correct? <br> A. Correct. <br> Q. And the State doesn't have to declare a <br> contract Lesivo before bringing a breach of contract <br> action in the Administrative Court; correct? <br> A. That is not correct. The State always has to promote the Declaration of Lesividad to then go to the <br> 10 Contencioso Administrativo Court. And if you want, we <br> 11 can go and see Article 20 of the Administrative Law <br> 12 that states that when the State sues in the <br> 13 administrative arena has to put forth previously a <br> 14 Declaration of Lesivo. <br> 15 Q. Okay. So, if I understand your testimony, if <br> 16 there has been a breach of an Administrative Contract, <br> 17 the State has to declare Lesivo before filing suit in <br> 18 the Administrative Court? <br> 19 A. That is correct. <br> 20 Q. Okay. Let's look at Exhibit R-308, it's <br> 21 Tab 13 in your binder. <br> 22 Now, Exhibit R-308 is a table or chart that |
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| PAGE 1836 <br> $04: 44: 49$ 1 <br> 2 Administrativo Court has exclusive jurisdiction over <br> 3 matters involving Administrative Contracts; correct? <br> 4 A. That is correct. And, as you point out in Paragraph 66 of your <br> 5 Second Report, under Article 221 of the Guatemalan <br> 6 Constitution, the Contencioso Administrativo Court <br> 7 "has the competence to hear disputes resulting from <br> 8 administrative acts or resolutions and from State <br> 9 decentralized and autonomous entities as well as <br> 10 disputes resulting from an Administrative Contracts <br> 11 and concessions." <br> 12 Correct? <br> 13 A. That is correct. <br> 14 Q. Now, as Article 21 states, the one I just <br> 15 quoted from, the Contencioso Administrativo Court <br> 16 doesn't just have jurisdiction over actions to confirm <br> 17 declarations of Lesividad; correct? <br> 18 A. That is correct. <br> 19 Q. The Contencioso Administrativo Court has <br> 20 jurisdiction over any dispute or controversy involving <br> 21 an Administrative Contract; correct? <br> 22 A. Correct. | 04:48:01 1 was prepared by Guatemala in this case which purports <br> 2 to state all the known Declarations of Lesividad <br> actions that have been brought in Guatemala <br> since--well, since 1991 at least. <br> Are you familiar with this chart? <br> A. Yes, yes, I'm familiar with it. <br> Q. And by my count, there are 17 cases listed in <br> this chart from 1991 to present day; correct? <br> A. That is correct. <br> Q. And these are the only known Contencioso <br> Administrativo actions regarding Declarations of <br> Lesividad that have been brought in Guatemala since <br> 1991; correct? <br> A. This table is based on the Second Opinion of Alvaraldo, I think. <br> 16 Q. That wasn't my question. My question is: <br> 17 The 17 cases that are listed here in this chart <br> 18 prepared by Guatemala are the only known actions <br> 19 brought in Guatemala before the Contencioso <br> 20 Administrativo Court since 1991 to confirm the <br> 21 Declaration of Lesividad; correct? <br> 22 A. No. This table was not prepared by the State |


| 04:49:46 1 of Guatemala. This was prepared by Eduardo Mayora in 2 his Witness statement. On the basis of this table, we 3 analyzed the status of these proceedings, so I cannot say that these are the only ones. I cited the ones that Eduardo Mayora included in his Statement. <br> Q. Okay. Are you aware of any other cases besides the ones listed in here? <br> A. I don't know, no. <br> $9 \quad$ What we were doing was to cite each one of <br> 10 the cases in the way in which Eduardo Mayora cited <br> 11 them in his opinion. The purpose of the State of <br> 12 Guatemala was not to say that these were the only <br> 13 ones. We only used as a basis the ones that Eduardo 14 Mayora included in his Opinion. <br> 15 Q. So, again, you didn't make any effort, <br> 16 whatsoever after seeing Dr. Mayora's chart, to find <br> 17 out if there are any additional Lesividad actions that <br> 18 have been brought since 1991; is that what you're <br> 19 telling us? <br> 20 A. That was not what I was asked to opine on. I <br> 21 was asked to opine on the Opinion of Mr. Mayora, and <br> 22 Mr. Mayora is the one who prepared this table. In my | 04:52:19 1 are the only case in the last--breach of contract, any <br> 2 Contract actions relating to Administrative Contract <br> 3 had been brought by the Government in Guatemala in the last 20 years? Is that what you're telling us? <br> A. What Eduardo Mayora--no. What Eduardo Mayora is saying in his Opinion is that the administrative proceedings do not end in Guatemala. The proceedings 8 are excessively long and almost none of them reach <br> 9 Decision against the interests of the State of <br> 10 Guatemala. <br> 11 The disputed issue was that, and we did a <br> 12 study of the cases he presented, and we showed, that <br> 13 in one of them there was a case against the State of <br> 14 Guatemala, and that judgment had already been handed <br> 15 down as of the date Mayora had issued his Opinion. <br> 16 We wanted to underscore the fact that the <br> 17 State of Guatemala respects the Courts of Justice, and <br> 18 that it can also lose in cases such as this where the <br> 19 case analyzed where there was enough juridical basis <br> 20 for the harm. In the case that we cited, the state of <br> 21 Guatemala lost the action in the Administrative Court. <br> 22 And we also added in the column that it is |
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| 04:51:00 1 Legal Opinion the purpose was not to establish whether 2 we had some, many or a lot of these cases. It had to 3 do with opining on Mr. Mayora's Opinion. <br> Q. And is it your understanding or belief that there are a lot of other Lesivo cases that have been brought in the last 20 years? <br> 7 A. I don't think so, and that speaks highly of the State of Guatemala. <br> 9 Q. Based on your testimony, that in order to <br> 10 bring a breach-of-contract action--the Government to <br> 11 bring a breach-of-contract action in the Contencioso <br> 12 Administrativo Court, they had to declare Lesividad; right? <br> A. Yes. My basis is Article 20 of the Administrative Law, which provides the requirements <br> 16 for the Parties to bring a case before the <br> 17 Administrative Court. The State of Guatemala has to 18 have a previous Declaration of Lesividad related to 19 the act or contract that that it's going to sue under. 20 Q. And so, is it your understanding that the <br> 21 cases that are listed in Exhibit R-308 and perhaps a <br> 22 few more that you weren't able to--didn't look for, | 04:53:52 1 called "current state of the process" to show that 2 some of these cases had been terminated because 3 judgment had been handed down or because the Parties had decided to dismiss the case, and it had nothing to do with the delay indicated by Mayora in his Opinion. 6 He was trying to show the State of Guatemala was 7 completely inefficient in these kinds of disputes. $8 \quad$ Q. Okay. Other than--in Exhibit R-308, it's true, is it not, that there are only two cases of the 17 that are listed here in which the Administrative Court reached a final decision; correct? <br> A. Yes, that is correct. <br> You can also see that there are cases that ended there because of negotiation. <br> Q. So there were only two in which the Court actually reached a decision; correct? <br> A. That is correct, and that impairs the State of Guatemala. <br> 19 Q. And in one of the cases-of the two cases, 20 one of them the court did rule in favor of the State 21 of Guatemala; correct? The earlier one? <br> 22 A. Uh-huh. |

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| 04:55:14 $1 \quad$ Q. Is that a yes? <br> A. Yes. <br> Q. Last 20 years you were only aware of two <br> cases in which a Declaration of Lesividad has been <br> brought in which the Court, the Administrative Court has reached a final decision; correct? <br> A. On the basis of Mayora's Report, yes. I'm basing my answer on Mayora's Report. That's correct. <br> Q. And you're not aware of any other cases; isn't that right, sir? <br> A. That was not the purpose of my opinion. I don't know. I don't have that in mind. <br> Q. And you're not aware; right? <br> A. Yes, basically, I repeat, Eduardo Mayora <br> included this in his Opinion. We updated Mayora's <br> Opinion showing issues that he had not shown, so what we did is include the ending of proceedings and the handing down of final judgments, and it wasn't true that there was a delay and the proceedings were not terminated. <br> Q. Okay. Now, if the State wishes to nullify an Administrative Contract, well, let me ask you this | 04:57:42 1 private parties? <br> 2 A. That is correct. <br> 3 Q. Again, under the Guatemalan Civil Code, the 4 Attorney General can bring such a nullification action 5 at any time, including, for example, 10 years after 6 the Contract was first executed; correct? Contract involving private parties. <br> A. Perhaps it's a question of terminology. I wanted to clarify something. When you're talking about annulment, we're talking about relative nullity. <br> Q. No, no, no, sir, I'm asking about absolute nullity, the situation you claim existed with Contract 143. <br> So let me ask the question again. <br> Assuming--an action for absolute nullity under <br> Guatemalan Law, the Attorney General can bring such an action at any time where the Contract involves private parties? <br> A. That is correct. <br> Q. Okay. So, the Attorney General could bring an action for absolute nullity of a Contract involving 22 private parties 10 years after the Contract was first |
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| PAGE 1844 <br> 04:56:39 1 <br> 2 question: Under Guatemalan law you would agree that <br> 2 there is no statute of limitations for bringing a <br> 3 legal action for absolute nullity of a Contract; <br> 4 correct? <br> 5 A. That is correct. <br> 6 Q. That's civil code Article 1301; correct? <br> 7 A. |  |

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| 04:59:57 1 You can just answer my questions. <br> 2 So, the answer is correct? <br> A. In what sense? <br> Q. Let me ask the question again. If the <br> 5 President fails to issue a Lesivo Declaration within <br> 6 the prescribed three-year timeframe, the State loses <br> 7 forever any opportunity to declare the Administrative <br> 8 Contract Lesivo; correct? <br> 9 A. It depends on the nature of the harm, yes, <br> 10 because Article 23 of the Law on Administrative <br> 11 procedure sets three years for declaring Lesividad. <br> 12 Q. So, for example, assuming the present case involving Contract 143, the grounds for absolute <br> 14 nullity of Contract, of that Contract, were not <br> 15 discovered by the Government until September of 2006. <br> 16 Under Guatemalan Law, the Government would not have <br> 17 been able to seek nullification of that Contract <br> 18 because the three years had passed from the entering <br> 19 into that Contract; correct? <br> 20 MR. ORTA: I'm sorry, I'm going to object. <br> 21 You're misstating the facts in evidence in terms of <br> 22 when the Government discovered the grounds for Lesivo. | 05:01:58 $1 \quad$ Q. Well, I don't know the translation, so I <br> apologize for that, but let's be clear, and this <br> assumption we're talking about grounds for absolute nullity in all my questions, okay? <br> A. Okay. <br> Q. So, assume again that in September 2006 the Government discovered grounds for absolute nullity of Contract 143. Do you understand that assumption? <br> A. Yes, I do. <br> Now, look, I know where you're headed. <br> Q. Let me ask my questions. <br> A. Okay. <br> Q. Now, if I understand your opinions and testimony, under Guatemalan law, under that assumption, that factual assumption, the Government would have been unable to seek the nullification of that Contract because the three-year time period to declare Lesividad had already passed; correct? <br> A. No, if you give me an opportunity to explain, then I would be most thankful. <br> Q. Okay. Please explain. <br> A. We're talking about personal liabilities of |
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|  | 05:03:07 1 the President and we're talking about a term of three 2 years that he has to declare Lesividad. If the <br> 3 President does not act within those three years, then he incurs personal liability. <br> 5 Under the theory of absolute nullity, even if 6 he had not made the Declaration within the three <br> 7 years, that does not imply that he would not be able <br> 8 to seek absolute nullity because the Contract, as we <br> 9 have been saying from the outset, cannot have legal <br> 10 effects. And a contract which is absolutely null is <br> 11 not going to be revalidated by the fact that there was <br> 12 a failure to declare Lesividad within three years. <br> 13 What is noteworthy is that there is someone <br> 14 responsible who did not make that Declaration, and <br> 15 that person with responsibility is called the <br> 16 President of the Republic, but not because of that <br> 17 will an absolutely null contract be revalidated <br> 18 because of an omission. That's what I wanted to point <br> 19 out. I wanted to note that the President had the <br> 20 obligation to issue the Declaration of Lesividad <br> 21 because it was an act which was under his <br> 22 responsibility within the period of the law and during |


| 05:04:13 1 his Presidency. <br> 2 PRESIDENT RIGO: A bit slower. <br> 3 THE WITNESS: Excuse me. From where I should <br> 4 I repeat? It's a question of separating. <br> 5 PRESIDENT RIGO: You don't need to repeat <br> 6 anything. Just to bear that in mind. <br> $7 \quad$ But basically the fact is the President of <br> 8 the Republic is liable if he doesn't issue a <br> 9 Declaration of Lesividad within the framework <br> 10 indicated by law, but the fact that he doesn't doesn't <br> 11 make it an absolutely null act or doesn't validate it <br> 12 as an absolutely null act. That's my answer. <br> 13 BY MR. STERN: <br> 14 Q. Are you saying the President could have <br> 15 issued Declaration of Lesividad against Contracts 143 <br> 16 and 158 after the three-year Statute of Limitations? <br> 17 A. That's correct, but he would have already <br> incurred liability. <br> 19 What the Attorney General would have done, <br> 20 and as you said specifically, was bring an action and <br> 21 seek absolute nullity; because otherwise it wouldn't <br> 22 make any sense for the legal order to note that a | 05:06:52 1 personal legal liability; is that your testimony? <br> 2 A. That is correct. Had he not made that Declaration. <br> Q. But he could have done it; is that what you're saying? <br> 6 He could declare lesividad on August 26, <br> 7 2006; is that what you're saying? <br> 8 A. No. He had the responsibility to do so <br> before the three years had elapsed. <br> 10 Q. I understand your testimony about his responsibility to do so by August 25. <br> 12 My question was whether he had the power and the right to declare lesividad on August 26, 2006. <br> 14 A. No, because the law says that the Declaration should occur within three years. <br> Q. Oh, so you're now saying he had to do it within three years; right? Because I thought you said he could do it afterwards just a little while ago, just he would incur personal legal liability if he did it afterwards. Is that what you're saying? <br> 21 A. No, that's not what I'm saying. I'm saying <br> 22 what the law says, and if we refer to it, I think that |
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| PAGE 1852 <br> 05:05:31 1 <br> 2 contract is absolutely null and has no legal effect if <br> 2 the fact that there was no Declaration of Lesividad <br> 3 could give it legal life. <br> 4 Ne are, in my opinion, highlighting that the <br> 5 President of the Republic had an obligation to <br> 6 liability and he did not do so within the three-year <br> 7 period. <br> 8 Q. So, if I understand from your testimony, the <br> 9 only reason the President--President Berger had to <br> 10 declare Contracts 143 and 158 lesivo by August 25, <br> 11 20006, was to protect him against personal legal <br> 12 liability; is that your testimony? <br> 13 A. No, not at all. His responsibility is to <br> 14 execute, as the head of the Executive, all those <br> 15 actions that tend to uphold the rights of the <br> 16 Guatemalan state. And here, basically, it was a <br> 17 question of vindicating the property rights of those <br> 18 who had them improperly, as with the case Ferrovías <br> 19 which had equipment that had not been granted and <br> 20 delivered as mandated by the country's law. <br> 21 Q. So, if the President declared lesividad on <br> 22 August 26, 2006, he would have been subject to |  |

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| 05:09:14 1 and to bring an action to seek the absolute nullity of 2 a contract that could have effects, but that's not what happened. <br> What President Berger did was what the law mandated; which was that he produce the Declaration within the three-year period. <br> 7 <br> MR. STERN: Could I have one more question, and then I will be done. <br> 9 BY MR. STERN: <br> 10 Q. So, if the President could not declare lesivo <br> 11 after August 25, 2006, and the only means by which, <br> 12 according to your opinion, the State can seek the <br> 13 absolute nullification of an administrative contract <br> 14 is through a Declaration of Lesividad, how is it <br> 15 possible that the Government, the State, could seek <br> 16 absolute nullification of Contracts 143 and 158 after <br> 17 August 25, 2006? <br> 18 A. Basically, based on the legal principle that <br> 19 one cannot revalidate or confirm such contracts nor <br> 20 can such contracts have any legal effect. So what the <br> 21 State does is to say, "Mr. President, you did not <br> 22 comply with your responsibility." | 05:12:07 1 Q. So, you said that, if I understood your <br> 2 testimony correctly, you said that pursuant to this <br> 3 Article 20, the Government--the Government had to <br> 4 declare lesivo the Equipment Contract, 143 and 158, in order to have it declared null and void. Is that correct? <br> 7 A. That's correct. <br> $8 \quad$ Q. And can you tell us where in this Article 20 9 you're basing that Opinion. <br> 10 A. It's the last paragraph. <br> 11 Q. Can you read it into the record--because we 12 don't have an English translation, so if you read it <br> 13 into the record, then the arbitrators will see the <br> 14 English translation and will be able to follow the 15 text, please. <br> 16 If you could please read it into the record 17 and then provide your answer. <br> 18 A. The last paragraph reads as follows: "If the 19 proceeding is brought by the Administration for its <br> 20 Acts or Resolutions, it will not be necessary for the <br> 21 requirements indicated to be met so long as the Act or <br> 22 Resolution has been declared lesivo or harmful to the |
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|  | PAGE 1858 <br> $05: 13: 45$ 1 <br> 2 interests of the State in an Executive Resolution <br> 2 issued by the President of the Republic in Council of <br> 3 Ministers. This Declaration may only be made within <br> 4 three years following the date of the Resolution or <br> 5 Act that gives rise to it." <br> 6 Under this provision, I indicated that the <br> 7 Guatemalan State has to issue a Declaration of <br> 8 Lesividad, and it is issued by the President of the <br> 9 Republic in Council of Ministers. And that is why I <br> 10 noted that it is the responsibility of the President <br> 11 not to issue it--or to issue it within the three-year <br> 12 period following the Resolution, as indicated by the <br> 13 last paragraph of Article 20, which I've just read <br> 14 out. <br> 15 Q. Okay. So, if President Berger had not <br> 16 declared the Contract lesivo--the Contract at issue, <br> 17 143 and $158-$-within the three-year period referenced <br> 18 in Article 20, are you saying that there was an <br> 19 ability for the Government to nonetheless challenge <br> 20 that contract after that date? <br> 21 A. That's right. What was on the table for <br> 22 discussion was whether President Berger had an |


| 05:15:29 1 obligation or did not have an obligation to issue the 2 Declaration and if he would incur liability for not <br> 3 doing so. That's why I invoked Article 20, because it notes specifically that it's the President of the Republic in Council of Ministers who is responsible for issuing the Declaration within three years. <br> $7 \quad$ That's Part 1 of my answer. <br> 8 Part 2, which is where we are following the 9 whole issue of whether it was absolute nullity and <br> 10 whether it was--could be revalidated, the fact that <br> 11 that Declaration is not made does not give legal life <br> 12 to nor does it revalidate Contracts that are <br> 13 absolutely null. And there are legal avenues for <br> 14 seeking a Declaration of Absolute Nullity, but in this <br> 15 case there was personal responsibility for the <br> 16 President. <br> 17 Q. And the--and you mentioned the Attorney <br> 18 General would be able to bring an action to declare <br> 19 the absolute nullity of the Contract even after the <br> 20 three-year period. Before what Court would that <br> 21 action be raised? <br> 22 A. According to Article 462 of the Civil Code, | 05:18:11 1 Q. Would that mean, in your opinion, that it <br> 2 would be impossible for the President to give <br> 3 approval, his approval, through an Executive <br> 4 Resolution to that Agreement 143 and 158? <br> 5 A. Yes. It is impossible, legally speaking, for <br> 6 him to have done so because that Contract originated <br> 7 in violation of the statutes that regulate State-owned <br> 8 properties, specifically in violation of article 89 of <br> 9 the Law on-or Public Procurement. <br> 10 Q. Would, nonetheless, the Government and <br> 11 Ferrovías have entered into a settlement whereby they <br> 12 would agree to, by way of example, celebrate a new <br> 13 public bid and enter into a new and separate Contract <br> 14 that was not lesivo to the interests of the State? <br> 15 A. Yes. of course, they could negotiate, and <br> 16 they can negotiate, because the ownership of the <br> 17 assets that are of the Government and that it can <br> 18 dispose of are separate from the way in which <br> 19 Contracts 143 and 158 were drawn up. But the <br> 20 Guatemalan State and Ferrovías could negotiate <br> 21 re-establishing the legality of the use of the <br> 22 equipment. |
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| 05:16:44 1 property that is owned by the Guatemalan State is 2 governed by special laws. In this case, the dispute <br> 3 has to do with a contract that has to do with goods that are state property. <br> 5 Article 221 of the Constitution says that the <br> 6 Contentious Administrative Court is the only Court <br> 7 with jurisdiction to hear such disputes, and <br> 8 Guatemalan civil law that applies on a--in a <br> 9 subsidiary manner goes beyond the Attorney General of <br> 10 the Nation, because it indicates that any person who <br> 11 has an interest can bring a suit seeking a Declaration <br> 12 of Absolute Nullity of a contract; and, in this case, <br> 13 the Court with jurisdiction is the Administrative <br> 14 Court. <br> 15 Q. Thank you. <br> 16 I want to ask you about a different topic <br> 17 that you were asked about. Mr. Stern asked you <br> 18 whether it would be possible, through a settlement, to <br> 19 revalidate or to cure the--to revalidate Contracts 143 <br> 20 and 158, and I believe you answered to his question <br> 21 that that would be impossible. <br> 22 A. That is correct. | 05:19:46 1 Q. And is that something that they could have 2 done before--sorry, after the President signed the 3 Executive Resolution of Lesividad but before he 4 published the Executive Resolution? <br> A. They could do it before and after, just as they could do it now, today, because the Declaration of Lesividad refers to Contracts 143 and 158. But that doesn't stand in the way of the State negotiating with respect to those assets and their use becoming regularized in terms of legality. <br> Q. Sir, on what basis do you contend that the President or that--I'm sorry, that the Administrative Court has an ability to determine that an Administrative Contract such as this one, 143 and 158, is or is not lesivo or does or does not cause lesion to the interest of the State? <br> 17 MR. STERN: I am going to object as this is beyond the scope of his cross-examination. I didn't ask him any questions about this. <br> 20 PRESIDENT RIGO: The witness should answer. 21 THE WITNESS: The legal basis is Article 221 22 of the Constitution of Guatemala which establishes |



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| PAGE 1867 <br> 05:28:55 1 Notary? <br> 2 THE WITNESS: No. It was a right that <br> Ferrovías had under the law to choose the Notary. <br> 4 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Why would it have made 5 a difference to them who the Notary is? <br> 6 THE WITNESS: Basically to have control over <br> the Deed. A Notary who they knew and not one who was a public official of the State. <br> 9 Whatever the reason, what's clear is they did <br> 10 choose the private Notary. <br> 11 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Is there any--in a <br> 12 situation, as you've described, you believe there is a <br> 13 requirement for a re-bid--you have an encyclopedic <br> 14 knowledge of the Constitution and Administrative Law, <br> 15 which is much appreciated--is there any provision, in <br> 16 a situation like this, where there is a no-bid <br> 17 contract given these circumstances? Under the public <br> 18 procurement laws? <br> 19 THE WITNESS: The general rule is that, no. <br> 20 Nonetheless, there are some exceptions to public <br> 21 calamity or private situations where there are natural <br> 22 disasters or--contracts between private persons and | PAGE 1869 <br> O5:31:40 1 <br> 2 part; is that correct? <br> 2 THE winvess: That is correct. And <br> 3 basically--I'm sorry, but because of the separation of <br> 4 powers as stated in Article 140 of the Constitution <br> 5 for the State itself, the Executive-- <br> 6 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I'm sorry, please. <br> 7 THE wITNESS: --the Executive has to execute <br> 8 and head or lead the executive structure of the State. <br> 9 They're not in charge of solving any disputes or <br> 10 qualifying controversial situations, but this <br> 11 responsibility to apply justice is in the hands of the <br> 12 Court, the Judiciary, the Supreme Court. Therefore, <br> 13 the President of the Republic does not have any <br> 14 discretion to qualify whether an event may lead to <br> 15 harm or not; otherwise, he would be taking up a <br> 16 responsibility that is not within his jurisdiction. <br> 17 He is responsible for declaring lesividad <br> 18 whenever harm has been identified, and then the <br> 19 Judiciary is to qualify this because of the separation <br> 20 of powers; otherwise, this would have been an action <br> 21 due to omission, and that would have--he would have <br> 22 been against the law, and it's only the courts that |
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| PAGE 1868 <br> $05: 30: 18$ 1 <br> 2 the State in the case of natural disasters, but that <br> 3 wasn't the case of Ferrovias and, therefore, they had the requirements of Article 89. <br> 4 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: You mentioned several <br> 5 times that there would have been personal liability on <br> 6 the part of the President had he not issued lesividad; <br> 7 correct? <br> 8 THE WITNESS: It is completely correct. <br> 9 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Based on your broad <br> 10 knowledge of administrative law, can you tell the <br> 11 Tribunal if there have been any instances in which a <br> 12 President has been held personally responsible for <br> 13 failure to issue a lesividad? <br> 14 THE WITNESS: I do not have previous <br> 15 information that I can mention here to the Tribunal. <br> 16 ARBITRATOR EIzENSTAT: One of the issues that <br> 17 divides your Opinion from the preceding Expert is the <br> 18 question of what discretion the President may have <br> 19 when he is provided with a legal opinion from his <br> 20 subordinates. <br> 21 And if I correctly understand you, you're <br> 22 saying that there is no discretion on the President's | PAGE 1870 $05: 33: 09$ 1 2 3 3 are to dould have been against the rule, that would have been 4 5 |

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| 05:34:20 1 because once his lawyers in the Executive Branch have <br> 2 identified a legal defect--here the absence of <br> 3 Presidential approval and a bid--he can't say, "Well, <br> 4 I think this Contract is important to the interest of <br> 5 the State, it's not harmful." He has absolutely no <br> 6 discretion; his lawyers totally guide whatever he <br> 7 does, and he has to sign, he has no discretion, <br> 8 absolutely no discretion, even though he's been <br> 9 elected by the people, and he's making a public <br> 10 Declaration of harm to the interests of the State. <br> 11 That's your testimony? That's your <br> 12 understanding of the law? <br> 13 THE WITNESS: Articles 153 and 154 of the <br> 14 Political Constitution of the Republic do not exclude <br> 15 the responsibility of the officials and public <br> 16 servants. The legal advisors are part of that chain <br> 17 of responsibility, and they sign the legal opinions <br> 18 where they highlight the acts and actions that cause <br> 19 harm to the State. And in each of their opinions, <br> 20 they refer to the laws that are used as basis so they <br> 21 cannot be used as conspiracy against the public--the <br> 22 President of the Republic, who is forced to sign a | 05:37:25 1 chain of responsibilities includes the advisors, and <br> 2 this links in particular FeGua's advisors to the <br> 3 advisors to the Attorney General. The Attorney <br> 4 General, the Legal and Technical Advisors with the <br> 5 Secretary of the--within the Office of the Secretary <br> 6 of the President of the Republic, therefore, the <br> 7 President, just receives a chain of responsibilities <br> 8 that are used to--for this decision. <br> 9 And also, a court of justice will verify <br> 10 whether that chain of responsibilities was based on <br> 11 the law, and the decision will be the one to determine <br> 12 whether the President and the advisors acted <br> 13 responsibly. <br> 14 If it was a responsible situation, there will <br> 15 be a decision that is favorable or positive to this; <br> 16 otherwise, there will be a situation in which this <br> 17 decision will clearly show that the decision by the <br> 18 President and the advisor who was wrong and against <br> 19 the law. <br> 20 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Mr. Aguilar, <br> 21 Mr . Gramajo told us earlier today--in fact, it seems <br> 22 it was earlier last year--it's been a long day--he |
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| 05:35:54 1 Declaration of Lesividad, but is rather a chain of responsibility based on the law. <br> In addition to that, the effect of the <br> Declaration does not have an executive effect against the Party; and, as stated in the rule and checks and balances, the Lesividad Declaration forces the State of Guatemala not to use its power other than with a legal basis to be able to resort to the Court. And that's the reason why Article 20 always states that all the Actions have to be preceded by the Declaration of Lesividad. This is a stop for the authority, a break for the authority. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Would you agree that <br> the President of the Republic is the premier figure in the Executive Branch? <br> 16 THE WITNESS: He heads--he leads the Executive. He's the head. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: SO, <br> lawyers--lawyers--can make a decision on the ground of what is a defect in a contract and bind the President of the Republic to follow their recommendation? <br> 22 THE WINNESS: As I mentioned before, the | PAGE 1874 <br> $05: 38: 49$ 1 <br> 2 told us earlier today that, in his understanding, <br> 3 Contracts 143 and 158 did not require, explicitly did <br> 3 not require, the approval of the President. <br> 4 As you read those contracts, do you agree <br> 5 with Mr. Gramajo's interpretation? <br> 6 THe winvess: Absolutely not. I do not agree <br> 7 because, as part of the constitutional laws, <br> 8 Article 121 of the Constitution, Subsection $C$ states <br> 9 that the assets that belong to the State include the <br> 10 assets of autonomous and decentralized institutions; <br> 11 therefore, FEGUA's assets belong to the State. And <br> 12 any disposition of those assets require the approval <br> 13 of the Executive because the State does not usually <br> 14 use--Award those assets as part of a Usufruct and the <br> 15 Executive should approve any negotiation to that end. <br> 16 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I don't want to you <br> 17 misunderstand my question. <br> 18 What Mr. Gramajo said, to my understanding, <br> 19 was that the contracts, on their face, didn't require <br> 20 Presidential approval, but after he came into his <br> 21 office, the lawyers in FEGUA said that it did; even <br> 22 though the Contract didn't require it, that there was |


| 05:40:33 1 a requirement under Guatemalan law. That's my understanding. <br> So, I guess I'm asking you first whether your <br> reading of the Contract itself required Presidential <br> approval--not whether the Law of Guatemala did, but <br> whether the contracts themselves required Presidential approval on their face. <br> THE WITNESS: If we're referring to Contracts 143 and 158, those contracts are null, absolutely null. They cannot be approved by the President of the Republic. This is different from what happened in Contract 41. <br> And why am I saying that Contract 143 and 158 could have never been approved by the President? Because they were done in a covert way. There was no bidding process, there was no publicity of these. <br> They were not made public, and it was a clear breach of Article 49 for Public Procurement of the State that orders the information-- <br> 20 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: The Government <br> 21 controlled that process--FEGUA controlled that <br> 22 process, did they not? | PAGE 1877 <br> 1877 <br> 05:43:39 1 <br> FEGUA's law, Article 3, states that their <br> responsibility is to provide railway services. They <br> have no authority to sell or rent or give their assets in Usufruct. <br> Therefore, Contract 143 and 158 were entered <br> into by the Overseer of FEGUA, but he was not <br> representing the State or FEGUA. It was illegal. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I understand that you <br> think he acted improperly, but he signed the Contract <br> with Ferrovías as the Overseer, did he not? <br> THE WITNESS: And he signed them without legal powers. <br> As a matter of fact, in the claim brought <br> by--brought against Ferrovías by the State, there is a <br> 15 special section indicating that personal liability <br> 16 will be exempted (ph.) to the Overseer of FEGUA <br> because of the legal actions. <br> 18 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: You mentioned that <br> 19 there were Letter Authorizations to try to correct <br> 20 this defect so that the equipment could continue to be <br> 21 used; is that correct? <br> 22 THE WITNESS: It was not to--correct, but I |
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|  | 05:45:04 1 think that I highlighted the letters led to the breach <br> 2 of the Agreement in Contract 41, and that's the reason why I referred to the terms. <br> Contract 41, which was not approved, was <br> signed on March 23, 1999. The first letter to breach what was agreed in the contract was directed by Ferrovías on April 9, 1999, barely 17 days after Contract 41 had been signed, and where Clause 6 had stated that the Contract was going to enter into force 30 days after its publication. <br> And even though this was well-known, <br> Ferrovías took possession of the equipment, and I also mentioned that they used equipment without paying for its use during three years, except for the 7500 quetzales that they paid in 2000. <br> 16 These letters were not to cure the defect, <br> 17 but they were a breach of the Agreements stated in the 18 Bidding Terms and also in the Law. <br> 19 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: But there were more <br> 20 than Letter of Authorization for Ferrovías; is that <br> 21 correct? <br> 22 THE WITNESS: That is correct. And these |

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| 05:46:27 1 letters were completely illegal, and they even <br> 2 modified how the payments were made because the <br> 3 Agreement, in Article--in Contract 41 was the Canon of <br> 41 percent over gross invoicing, and letters dated in <br> 5 2002--in 2000, that was changed to monthly payments, <br> 6 and it was estimated at 7,500 quetzales. There was <br> 7 several letters; one dated, April 9, April 12, <br> 8 February 20, February 25, August 22nd, and October 9 3rd. <br> 10 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Why couldn't this <br> 11 whole issue have been resolved by just perpetual <br> 12 letters of authorization? <br> 13 If you say they were legal; correct? You <br> 14 think the letters from the FEGUA were legal and gave <br> 15 Ferrovías the right to use the equipment, they could <br> 16 have just been used perpetually, couldn't they? <br> 17 THE WITNESS: That is incorrect. That is <br> 18 incorrect. I never said that those letters were <br> 19 legal. Quite the opposite. I said that those are <br> 20 illegal, and they did not authorize to legally use the <br> 21 equipment. <br> 22 PRESIDENT RIGO: What's the problem? | THE WITNESS: That is correct, and Mr. Porras <br> is also one of the persons. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: He was just doing one <br> illegal act one after another, signing Letters of <br> Authorization, all of these illegal, in your opinion? <br> THE WITNESS: Absolutely. <br> It is also important for you to observe the <br> date of August 13 of 2003, where three Contracts are <br> signed, two lease contracts for the equipment for 15 <br> days between the action--the overseeing of FEGUA and <br> Ferrovías. These are Contracts that are--have no <br> legal basis. And leases are set without no basis. <br> And on the same day, there is a term for 15 days to <br> lease the equipment, then that equipment is considered <br> null, the amount is changed, and then, as part of Deed <br> Number 5, another Contract is drafted for only 13 days <br> of use of that equipment just days before Contracts <br> 143 and 158 are entered into. <br> So, this is part of the legal actions used to <br> dispose covertly of FEGUA'S assets. <br> 21 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Just to understand <br> 22 your testimony, you're saying that because you |
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| MR. ORTA: The translation was wrong, on the transcript he said the Letter of Authorizations were completely illegal, but the transcript said completely legal, and that causes--I wanted to get that in before-- <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I thought that's what I heard. <br> THE INTERPRETER: The interpreter may have misunderstood the witness. I apologize. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Okay. <br> So, not only was 143 and 158 illegal, but <br> this stream of authorizations were also illegal. Is <br> that your testimony? <br> 14 THE WITNESS: That is correct. <br> 15 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: And it was FEGUA that <br> 16 was issuing these authorizations as well? <br> 17 THE WITNESS: Yes. All started with a <br> 18 request by Ferrovías. And it was not FEGUA, it was <br> 19 the Overseer, FEGUA's Overseer, that was doing this <br> 20 illegally. <br> 21 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: So, this is <br> 22 Mr. Sarceno, I think; correct? | 05:50:50 1 consider 143 and 158 to be a nullity, that there was 2 no way to remedy that, even if the President had said, <br> 3 "I think that these contracts were the best things <br> 4 since sliced bread for my country," there was no way <br> 5 in which he could have, himself, said, "I'm going to <br> 6 sign the thing; if that's the problem, I'm just going <br> 7 to sign it." <br> 8 There's no way they could have done that. Is <br> 9 that your testimony, under your understanding of the <br> 10 law, what you're instructing us on? <br> 11 THe wirness: Yes, it is correct. The <br> 12 President of the Republic cannot ratify a contract <br> 13 that originated against the laws of the country. It's 14 impossible. <br> 15 But if we separate the Contract from the <br> 16 right to dispose of the assets, the Govermment can <br> 17 conduct any licit negotiation as long as the laws of <br> 18 the country are complied with. <br> 19 PRESIDENT RIGO: I need to correct again for <br> 20 the record, just the last two lines before Secretary <br> 21 Eizenstat asks the last question, and the concluding <br> 22 lines of the Expert it says "legal actions." He |

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| 05:52:10 1 really said, in Spanish, "illegal action." <br> 2 Again, it's the opposite. <br> 3 But I think Secretary Eizenstat followed up <br> 4 as if it he had illegal, but it's not what's on the <br> record. <br> 6 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I mean, the <br> distinction between legal and illegal in English is a <br> pretty important one, and I'm sure it is in Spanish, <br> what is the word? <br> 10 Why are we getting this continued-- <br> 11 THE INTERPRETER: Sir, this is the <br> interpreter. It's just because of the way it's <br> pronounced, sometimes he says--he joins two words, and the "I" in front of "legal" it sounds like "and," and so it's just sometimes because of the way the words are put together, but the difference is very clear when the words are pronounced in isolated fashion. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: On these things, great acts can occur, so thank you for that. <br> 20 Two more clarifications. <br> 21 Do you think, from your perspective, that <br> 22 Ferrovías had any right to rely on the signature of |  |
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|  | PAGE 1886 <br> 05:56:33 1 <br> 2 would be found in what part of the law? I know you <br> 3 memorized all of this. <br> 4 THE WITNESS: That would be in the Law of <br> 5 Public Order. <br> 6 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: And where would the <br> 7 exceptions be found? <br> 8 THE WITNESS: Whenever there are disasters <br> 9 and calamities, the Congress of the Republic so <br> 10 decides or the President of the Republic with the <br> 11 Council of Ministers so decides based on the level of <br> 12 disaster and also the level of --the number of <br> 13 purchases to be done as part of a bidding process, but <br> 14 these are exceptions. <br> 15 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: And no other <br> 16 exceptions? <br> 17 THE WITNESS: No. <br> 18 ARBITRATOR EIEENSTAT: Okay. Thank you very <br> 19 much. <br> 20 PRESIDENT RIGO: We have no further <br> 21 questions. <br> 22 Mr. Orta, on the questions of the Tribunal? |

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|  | PAGE 1889 <br> 06:02:13 1 going to be asked about so--whether I can object or 2 not, if it's beyond the scope of the Tribunal's questions. <br> MR. ORTA: It goes directly to the question <br> that Secretary Eizenstat asked about liability of the <br> 6 FEGUA Overseer for the illegal acts committed, and <br> there was a question answered by the witness about <br> that, and he said that there was relief sought in the <br> Administrative Court action regarding that illegality, <br> and I would like to ask the witness a question about that. <br> (Comment off microphone.) <br> MR. ORTA: We will when we identify it, but <br> as I mentioned, we're having difficulties getting the English version up on the screen. <br> 16 BY MR. ORTA: <br> 17 Q. So, Mr. Aguilar, if you could--first of all, <br> 18 have you found this section where the Attorney General <br> 19 seeks relief from the Administrative Court in the <br> 20 document? <br> 21 A. Yes, I did. <br> 22 Q. Can you inform the Tribunal what relief is |
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| 06:01:06 1 or two, and I will be done. <br> Sorry, while we're getting the English <br> version up, to move this along... <br> 4 FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION <br> BY MR. ORTA: <br> Q. You have a Complaint filed by the Attorney <br> General prior to the Administrative Court; is that correct? <br> A. That is correct. That is correct. <br> Q. Okay. <br> A. That is correct. <br> Q. And if you could look down to the Petitions, the relief sought by the Attorney General, and in particular numeral 5 and 6 of the relief sought toward the end of the document, can you identify that, and please let me know once you've done that. <br> MR. STERN: Is there a way I could see the English version? <br> THE WITNESS: I found it. <br> MR. ORTA: I'm going to have the witness read <br> what-- <br> 22 <br> MR. STERN: I would like to know what he's | 06:03:20 1 sought in Petition Number 5 by the Attorney General. <br> 2 A. In Petition Number 5, the Attorney General's <br> Office requests the Tribunal to rule on civil <br> liability against the individuals that were involved in the negotiations that were declared lesivo. <br> Q. Thank you, sir. <br> 7 What about Petition Number 6? What relief is 8 sought there? <br> 9 A. A relief is sought for the legal costs and <br> 10 the costs--cost under the contracts that produced harm <br> 11 to the State of Guatemala. <br> 12 (Overlapping interpretation and question.) <br> A. In the Spanish version, it is. <br> Q. What relief is sought by the Attorney General <br> in Petition Number 6 that was filed by the Attorney <br> 16 General? <br> 17 A. The petitions and reliefs go from Number 3 to 18 Number 7. <br> 19 In Number 3, is for things to go back to <br> 20 their original state; that is to the state that they <br> 21 were in before the lesivo contracts were entered into, <br> 22 and that meant that Ferrovías should return the |

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| 06:05:08 1 property and that the money be surrendered. That's Petition Number 3. <br> Petition Number 4 is for the payment of damages for the lesivo contracts. <br> Petition 5 is for civil liabilities be <br> declared against those who participated in the negotiations. <br> Number 6 is that Court costs and legal <br> expenses should be paid by Claimants. <br> And number 7 is for a Criminal Court to be <br> contacted if criminal activities have occurred. <br> These are the Petitions of the State of <br> Guatemala in its action. <br> Q. Thank you. <br> MR. ORTA: I have no for questions. <br> PRESIDENT RIGO: Mr. Stern. <br> MR. STERN: Thank you. <br> RECROSS-EXAMINATION <br> BY MR. STERN: <br> Q. I think the record needs to be cleared up. Isn't it true, sir, that the Letter <br> 2 Authorizations that you testified to, there were--no | 06:07:45 1 he discovered these issues with the contracts; 2 correct? <br> A. Yes. I did not have before me any letter, nor do I have personal knowledge of that. <br> Q. Let me ask you some further questions about the discretion or lack thereof of the President to issue a Lesivo Declaration once receiving a recommendation from his advisors. <br> Now, President Berger, he's a lawyer; right? <br> A. Yes, of course. <br> Q. So, if I understand your testimony, if President Berger--let's assume these facts--if President Berger had received recommendations from his legal advisors that Contracts 143 and 158 were, in their opinion, lesivo, and President Berger took a look at the Contracts and the Opinion and said, "You know what, I disagree with my advises, I think they're wrong. As a lawyer, I think they've got it wrong here," is it your opinion that under those circumstances President Berger would have had no discretion whatsoever to disregard his legal advisors' Opinion and not issue a Lesivo Declaration? |
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| 06:06:16 1 further letters were issued by FECUA authorizing FVG's 2 use of the equipment after Contract 143 and 148 were entered into? <br> A. That is correct. <br> Q. All the Letter Authorizations that were <br> issued by FEGUA for use of the equipment were when Contract 41 was still there; right? <br> 8 A. No. They were granted by the Overseer in an illegal manner, in a covert manner, and what was signed under--what was signed under 143 and 158 was illegal, and the letters of 9 and 12 April and February 2000 and August and October 2003 as well--20002. <br> Q. Dr. Gramajo, after he became FEGUA Overseer and discovered the alleged defects in Contracts 143 and 158 , he didn't issue any additional Letter Authorizations to Ferrovías to use the equipment; correct? <br> A. I don't know what actions Mr. Gramajo did or did not do. <br> Q. But you weren't aware of any letters, Authorization Letters, that Dr. Gramajo issued after | 06:09:04 1 A. Obviously, what I've said, once again, is 2 that if the President would have said that there is no lesivo, he would have issued a judgment, and that's something that can only be done by a court of law. 5 The advisors have indicated defects, legal 6 defects, and he has to issue the lesividad because, if not, he is personally--civilly liable because, if not, if he would have assumed powers that are powers of the Judiciary, and that would not be correct. <br> Q. Okay. So, again, if I understand your answer, that means, under my hypothetical that I just gave you where the President, as a lawyer, looked at the contracts, himself, and said, "You know, I disagree with my legal advisors, I don't think these are lesivo," under that circumstance, he still had to issue the Declaration of Lesivo; correct? <br> A. Let us not talk about the fact that he's a lawyer. <br> According to the laws of the country, no <br> one--a lawyer, an engineer, no one--can ignore the <br> contents of the law of the country. President Berger would have incurred liability. |

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| 06:10:18 1 Q. And he could not ignore the recommendations of his legal advisors; correct? No matter what? <br> A. Yes. No matter what, because that is why we have courts of law. They verify or qualify during illegal action whether there was a violation of the 6 law or not. <br> Q. Is it your testimony that a breach of an administrative contract is always harmful to the interests of the State? <br> A. When there is a harm--in a bilateral <br> agreement, there's always a harm, and that is why we have principles of termination of contracts. <br> Q. Okay. So, again, when there has been a breach of an administrative contract, the Government says the other side's breached an administrative contract, under all circumstances under Guatemalan law, that is, by definition, harmful to the interests of the State; is that what you're saying? <br> 19 A. What I am saying to you is any breach of the 20 bilateral contract produces legal consequences. Those <br> 21 legal consequences may or may not be reparable. If <br> 22 they are, we are before this possibility of annulment. | 06:13:17 1 Q. Now, you testified in response to Secretary <br> Eizenstat's questions about this issue of the Notary <br> and the registering the equipment under Contract 41. <br> Do you recall that testimony? <br> A. Yes, I remember perfectly well. <br> Q. Can you show us where in your Expert Reports, either your First or Second Expert Reports, where that's discussed, this issue about Contract 41 and the Notary not properly registering the equipment? <br> It's not in there, is it, sir? <br> A. The question issued out of the reason why the State of Guatemala had not authorized it. It was the first question that was posed to me, and that is the answer and the conclusion that I gave. <br> Q. Okay. But it's not in either of your Expert Reports; correct? <br> A. No, because that was not part of my task. This was a question that was not only posed by the Tribunal, but by someone else here today. <br> Q. Thank you. <br> MR. STERN: I have no further questions. QUESTIONS RROM THE TRIBUNAL |
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| 06:11:50 1 But if the defects cannot be cured, then one has to go 2 to the courts, and the courts need to issue a <br> 3 declaration recognizing the absolute nullity. That is 4 what I'm saying. <br> 5 Q. You testified earlier that when there has <br> 6 been a breach of an administrative contract, under all <br> 7 circumstances, the President must declare--issue a <br> 8 Declaration of Lesividad before a suit can be brought <br> 9 in the Administrative Court; correct? <br> 10 A. What I said was what I read out of Article 20 <br> 11 of the Administrative Law. Guatemala, whenever it <br> 12 wants to sue under a contract, needs to declare <br> 13 lesividad. That is what I said. <br> 14 Q. So, even in a breach of contract, it's always <br> 15 got to be declared harmful to the interests of the <br> 16 State; is that what you're telling us? <br> 17 A. Yes, and that is based on estoppel, where the <br> 18 regulated party is protected, and the State has a <br> 19 limit, a time limit, to do this. This does not favor <br> 20 the State. It imposes burdens on the state because <br> 21 the private party can go directly to a court without <br> 22 any kind of Declaration--prior Declaration needed. | ARBITRATOR EIZEISTAT: You said quite <br> eloquently that in your opinion the President can't <br> substitute a decision which ultimately belongs to the Court in terms of lesivo; is that correct? <br> THE WITNESS: Yes, that is correct. <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Does it give you any <br> pause to hear that the Court, four years after, hasn't rendered an Opinion. <br> THE WITNESS: In this specific case? Are you asking about this suit? <br> ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: My understanding is that we're now four years into this, and the Court has not yet rendered a decision. Does that give you any concern in terms of how this whole lesivo process operates? <br> THE WITNESS: There are several scenarios <br> that are put forth in the law related to the administrative proceedings. <br> The first scenario is the scenario called "deprivation by dilatory exceptions," and Ferrovías used these rights. It put forth a motion for lack of competence--lack of jurisdiction; said that the |

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