

This is key point on their 99 law theory – explain details by looking at papers. This is a real lie. They also blasted us for “intimidating” their employees, “wooing” dissident shareholders, “bullying” the company. Get Neil’s email: he raises a critical question – how did George Branch in 2002 before Rakoff stipulate that the same case with the same claims could go to Ecuador, AFTER they had passed the 99 law, and now they complain about it?

Met with judge last night in house. Humble house, furniture. Made tea. I really like the guy. Remember last August I wanted to ride the wave and get him off case? This was an example of Pablo’s total intelligence. We saved him, and now we are reaping the benefits. Explain politics around plot to remove Yanez to get rid of the Perfecto and control the money. Pablo under severe pressure. They tried to use our case, enlist our support, because they knew we were upset with him. Texaco watching from sidelines, trying to provoke us. Instead, the Comite passed a resolution that he was able to use before the Judicatura to save his job. He hates Guerra, because Guerra was part of the plot. Guerra will be the judge to decide the case. We have to start lobbying him, working with him.

Pablo is so fucking amazing. He gets along with everybody in the court. He has this brilliant long-term strategy of not getting sucked into the petty politics. Even with Ileana, the secretary, who is still fucking us and has not learned her lesson, he gets along well with her and it never gets personal.

Pitched the writer at Vanity Fair... on Pablo. Turned him around by explaining details of Pablo’s life. This would be a huge coup.

Met interim AG with Luis, APV, Raul. “The door is always open” he said to Luis – a far cry from the days of the protests, fighting our way into the halls of power. Think of what has happened in ten years – how we have gone from fighting on the outside of power, to being on the inside.

Lunch with Kelly McBride. Invited her down to San Carlos today.

Wooing meeting with MEY.

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Went to Correa inauguration two days ago. Great hope – saw Daniel Ortega, Alan Garcia, Lula, Evo, Chavez, Bachalet – really, awesome display of Latin American power although Kirchner stayed away as a result of the President of Iran showing up. Got in with press pass. Palacio was very dignified. APV told me first time since 1984 that a President of Ec gave the presidential sash to the next President. First time in history of