

article past his lawyers. I need to take him through the science and I am still worried I don't completely have it together. Fausto Penafiel is nowhere to be found.

The fundamental problem is that we will not be able to get out damage claim before the court, and Texaco will have an equal right to pressure and manipulate the perito. The legal argument against it: all peritos have been impugnado, and the derimentes were appointed illegally. That is the legal argument. Again, shows institutional weakness of court and personal weakness of judge. He is going back on his agreement with us. He is weak, and he is scared. It is amazing how this entire effort can be spoiled or threatened by one decision.

Met with President of Supreme Court yesterday (get name). Describe phone call to Yanez – said hurry up, set a 45-day plazo. Amazing performance – 5 minutes total, bravura performance, absolute example of how politics works in Ecuador. It might have actually hurt us, even though it did not appear to at the time, by forcing Yanez to hurry up and make the wrong decision, rather than wait and try to make the right decision after we explain it to him.

Met with Chang, the health minister. Crappy building, cannot even find a bathroom – reflects how little money government has given historically to health care. Was not aware of cancer issue or problems, but was very interested and responsive. She said she would present the issue to the Cabinet on Friday in their meeting in Tena (Correa is having cabinet meetings in the provinces). Her assistant, Beatrice, indicated that the Min of Health historically did not deal with petroleum issues. Suggested inter-institutional cooperation among ministries. We have new folleto – we need to bring her materials today.

Kohn left msg – Collingsworth called him, and asked if there was a mediation. CB and Terry are fishing around. Maybe they want out of their case in SF, maybe they want to fuck with us and blast us in front of our clients, but this is definitely a CB plot to do something. Remember, CB just took me on in Outside magazine.

Raul's two-hour meeting with Correa. Correa hired him for three matters – Colombia fumigation, Oxy, and Texaco. He said Correa is serious and wants a legacy. Wants to see list of lawyers who are hurting the country. Issue with Reichler and Lehane lobbying.

Feb 4 (Sunday – returning to Ecuador)

Emotions smung wildly last week. On Friday, Kohn called and said Cullen called him back to set up a meeting for Feb. 14 at 9 a.m. Sort of feel like it is all coming together, but risks are still great because of Sand. The key is this week – getting the PG ordered