

Sound clips

July 21, 1990

Conversation outside Bonita Store restaurant between John Arman and Oscar Danillo Blandon in San Diego. Blandon talks with Arman about his work with the blacks in Los Angeles and how much crack has been sold.

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BLANDON: These people have been working with me 10 years.

ARMAN: (interrupts)

B: I've sold them about 2,000 or 4,000. I don't know. I don't remember how many.

Blandon and Arman discuss who Blandon's contacts are in Los Angeles.

Note: Strong language used in excerpt.

[[103K AIFF](#) | [308K WAV](#)]

BLANDON: These ... these are the black people.

ARMAN: Black?!

B: Yeah. They control LA. These are the people that control L.A.

A: I don't like niggers.

B: Well ...

A: They pay cash though?

B: Yeah, they pay cash.

Blandon convinces Arman that the only people he deals with are black cocaine dealers.

[[86K AIFF](#) | [260K WAV](#)]

BLANDON: All the time, just with them. I don't deal with anybody else, just with them ...

ARMAN: Is it really dry right now or something? ... Or they're still buying?

B: They buy all the time. They buy, all the time.

June 13, 1991

Blandon and Arman discuss how customers don't "appreciate" the beauty of the powder cocaine they are selling since the customers were turning it into crack.

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ARMAN: And they don't care how good it looks.
That's what's terrible. I got the best-looking
stuff and they don't want good stuff.

BLANDON: Yeah, they don't care.

March 7, 1996

Alan Fenster, defense attorney for Rick Ross, asks Danilo Blandon where he was "running his operation."

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FENSTER: So you were running his Los Angeles
operation, isn't that correct?

BLANDON: Yes. Now remember, we were running, just
... whatever we were running in L.A., it goes ...
the profit was going to the Contra revolution. I
don't know ...

F: I'm glad you reminded me of that.

Fenster asks about a conversation between Blandon and Norwin Meneses, his contact person for the Contras.

[[74K AIFF](#) | [224K WAV](#)]

FENSTER: He (Meneses) said, "Hey, I'm selling drugs
and I want you to help me" ...

BLANDON: Yes.

F: ...in so many words. Is that right?

B: To raise the money for the Contra revolution.

Blandon explains why he was raising money for the Contras by selling drugs and how Col. Enrique Bermudez was his contact with the Contras. Unable to express himself in English, Blandon turns to the translator.

[[100K AIFF](#) | [301K WAV](#)]

TRANSLATOR: "There is a saying that the ends justify the means."

BLANDON: And that's what Mr. Bermudez told us in Honduras. OK? So we started raising money for the Contra revolution.

When Fenster asks about Bermudez working for the U.S. government and helping Blandon in Los Angeles and coordinating contacts with the Contras, Assistant U.S. Attorney L.J. O'Neale objects.

[[101K AIFF](#) | [305K WAV](#)]

FENSTER: When you met with Mr. Bermudez, did you meet also with members of the United States government?

BLANDON: No sir.

F: He was already working for the United States government when you met him, isn't that correct?

O'NEALE: Object...

JUDGE: Let me sustain the objection at this point.