

EXHIBIT 1

AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDO NEGRÓN-MELLA

I, CANDIDO NEGRÓN-MELLA, being of full age, state as follows:

1. I, Dr. Candido Negrón-Mella, am a defendant charged in United States v. Acevedo Vilá, et al., Criminal No. 08-036, D.P.R.

2. Prior to my current representation by Francisco Rebollo-Casalduc, Esq., I made four separate statements to Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") special agents.

3. Those four interviews took place on October 19, 2006, October 27, 2006, March 28, 2007, and June 25, 2007.

4. During the course of those interviews, I informed the FBI that Robert M. Feldman ("Mr. Feldman") was not involved in nor aware of any of the details or circumstances regarding how, when, where, or under what circumstances I set out to solicit contributions from my employees and relatives from the Philadelphia area in connection with fundraising efforts for Anibal Acevedo Vilá's ("Mr. Acevedo Vilá's") campaign.

5. During the course of those interviews, I also informed the FBI that Mr. Acevedo Vilá knew nothing regarding how, when, where, or under what circumstances I requested the contributions to his campaign from my friends and relatives in the Philadelphia area. I further informed the FBI that Mr. Acevedo Vilá never asked any questions about the number or identities of the campaign contributors from the Philadelphia area. I never observed Mr. Acevedo Vilá give any indication that he suspected or believed that there was anything improper about any contributions from the Philadelphia area.

6. I understand that Mr. Feldman and Mr. Acevedo Vilá filed Motions to Sever their trials from proceedings related to their co-defendants, including myself, on July 8, 2008.

7. If those motions are granted and the trials of Mr. Feldman and Mr. Acevedo Vilá are severed from my trial, I will testify on behalf of Mr. Feldman and Mr. Acevedo Vilá at their trials.

8. I further represent that I would testify truthfully in accordance with my statements to government investigators, as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

Candido Negrón-Mella
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Dated: *July 17, 2008*

On this 17th day of July 2008
Mary Ellen Bradford

