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TELEPHONE INTERVIEW OF: [REDACTED]

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Mr. Cohen. This is an interview of [REDACTED] conducted by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The interview is part of the committee's investigation into allegations of steroid use by Major League Baseball players, and the interview is conducted by telephone.

Ms. [REDACTED] thank you for joining us today. Can you please state your full name for the record?

Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Mr. Cohen. Okay. My name is Brian Cohen. I'm a member of the Democratic staff of the committee. I'm accompanied by my colleagues, Steve Glickman and Theo Chuang. There is also a member of the Minority staff of the committee here, if he could introduce himself.

Mr. Castor. Good morning again. This is Steve Castor with the Minority staff, Republican side of the aisle.

Ms. [REDACTED] Nice to meet you.

Mr. Cohen. Before beginning the questioning, I would like to go over some standard instructions and explanations about the interview. We'll proceed as follows. The Democratic staff of the committee -- I'm sorry, the Majority staff of the committee will ask a series of questions. After we've completed our round of questioning, Mr. Castor, the Minority staff of the committee, may follow with his

round of questioning, and we'll alternate until the interview is complete.

Ms. [REDACTED] Okay. That's fine.

Mr. Cohen. The reporter here will be taking down everything said in the interview, and we will make a written record. Please make sure you give verbal, audible answers to any questions.

I do need to inform you that you do have the right to have an attorney present during the interview, although my understanding is that you do not have one; is that correct?

Ms. [REDACTED] I do not have one, and that's one of the things that I was trying to get in touch with Mr. Tim. But I'm not afraid, I'm telling the truth, so bring it on.

Mr. Cohen. Okay. Just to inform you that you are required to answer questions from Congress truthfully.

Ms. [REDACTED] Okay.

Mr. Cohen. If you knowingly provide false testimony, you could be subject to criminal prosecution for making false statements or for other related offenses. Do you understand this?

Ms. [REDACTED] I understand that.

Mr. Cohen. Is there any reason you are unable to provide truthful answers in today's interview?

Ms. [REDACTED] Not at all.

Mr. Cohen. Do you have any questions before we begin?

Ms. [REDACTED] No.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. COHEN:

Q Okay. To begin with the interview, the time period we're interested in would be mid-June of 1998.

A Yes, sir.

Q And during that time period, we have been told that Mr. Clemens was at a party at Jose Canseco's house. This would be when Mr. Clemens' team, the Toronto Blue Jays, was in -- actually before I go into this, I apologize, can you tell us your position with Mr. Clemens, what your occupation and what you did for Mr. Clemens in the time period?

A At the time of the incident, I had been working for Mr. Clemens for approximately 13 years, traveled with them, take care of the little ones while Mr. Clemens or Mrs. Clemens wanted to spend some time together.

Q So you were Mr. Clemens' nanny?

A Yes.

Q In 1998?

A Yes.

Q So the time period we're interested in is June of 1998 when Mr. Clemens' team, the Toronto Blue Jays, was playing in Miami.

A Okay.

Q And the team -- our understanding is that at some

point during that weekend, Mr. Canseco had members of the Toronto Blue Jays over to his house, and that Mr. Clemens may have been there at some point. We're trying to determine if you have any memories of that weekend or of Mr. Clemens being in the house during that time period when the Blue Jays were in Miami?

A The only thing that I can tell you truthfully is one night we went to spend the night at Mr. Jose Canseco. The next day the boys and us, we were swimming, and I do not recall a party. While I was there, I don't recall a party at Mr. Jose Canseco's house.

Q Okay. And who stayed at the house?

A Mrs. Clemens, Koby, Kory, Kacy, Kody, Mrs. Clemens' brother and myself.

Q Did Mr. Clemens stay at the house?

A You know, honestly I couldn't tell you if he stayed or not. Like sometimes he will stay really late after the games, and, you know, sometimes I was already in --

Q So you do not know if Mr. Clemens stayed at the house or not?

A Honestly don't.

Q Okay. Do you have any specific memories of Mr. Clemens being at the house at any time during that time period?

A The only time that I remember Roger coming into the

house is when Mr. Jose Canseco was -- we got there. We had this trip to go to Cheeca Lodge and they would invite us to come over to the house. Mr. Jose Canseco was very proud of his house, and he was showing us around. At that time, yes, yes, I saw Roger, he was with us looking at the house around.

Q This was in June of 1998?

A Yes, sir.

Q And Mr. Clemens was in Mr. Canseco's house looking around?

A Yes, when he was giving us a tour of his house.

Q So Mr. Clemens -- Mr. Roger -- you were present when Mr. Roger Clemens was given a tour of the house by Jose Canseco?

A Yes. Jose Canseco was showing us around the house.

Q Again, to clarify, this was when the Blue Jays were in Miami for these games with the Florida Marlins in 1998?

A I -- it was 1998, yes, yes, because that's when we had the trip to the Cheeca Lodge.

Q Now, do you remember when Mr. Canseco gave Mr. Clemens the tour, do you remember how long you had been in town for? Was it after your first night, your second night; do you have any memories?

A I think it was the first day that we got -- you know, because we hardly ever saw Roger. He always was



working. He was working most of the time. And whenever he get a chance, he would take the big boys with him, and I would stay with the little guys. He would squeeze any time that he could have to see the kids, but most of the time Mrs. Clemens, Greg and I, we were doing our thing, entertaining the kids.

Q So you arrived -- just to clarify the time frame, you arrived the day before, you spent 1 night there, and it was the next morning?

A Yes, sir. And the next day with them, and then later on Mrs. Clemens, Greg and the kiddos, we went and checked into the Cheeca Lodge.

Q Greg is Mrs. Clemens' brother?

A Yes, yes, yes.

Q And so the tour that Mr. Clemens got of the house, that was the morning after -- the first morning after you arrived there?

A You know what, I could not even tell you exactly the time, but I think that was the day that we got there, he was just showing us around.

Q Okay. And do you remember what Mr. Clemens -- how long was Mr. Clemens there; do you remember?

A I don't think it was very long, you know. Roger would come in and see us, and then he would have to go.

Q And do you remember where he went after he was --

A I know that he was going to play golf with Mr. Canseco.

Q So to clarify, to make sure we understand here, you had arrived the night before, but do you remember if Mr. Clemens -- was he pitching in a game the night before; do you have any memory of --

A I don't remember, but I can tell you one thing. When he was pitching a game, that day he just rested. That's what he had done since I was with him, he would really rest.

Q Okay.

A Yes.

Q So he would not have gone to play golf during a game he pitched -- on a day he was scheduled to pitch?

A Well, first of -- that's kind of hard to tell because I wasn't with him 24/7.

Q Right, of course.

A Yes. I was more in charge of the kiddos. I know that he played golf a lot, that I do know, golf or whatever.

Q So let me summarize real quickly. First you remember the trip to Miami in June of 1998; is that correct?

A That -- that trip that we made when we went to the Cheeca Lodge, yes.

Q And you remember that you stayed overnight at Mr. Canseco's home with Debbie Clemens and her children and

Mrs. Clemens' brother?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you have no memory of whether Roger Clemens did or didn't stay at the house overnight?

A That I cannot recall.

Q So you can't recall if Mr. Clemens stayed overnight with the family. But you do recall --

A The thing is, to answer truthfully, because I was already in bed with the -- with the little ones, I don't know if he did or he did not, so that's what I'm telling you.

Q And you remember the morning after -- the first morning -- you spent 1 night there, and that next morning you remember that Mr. Roger Clemens was in Mr. Canseco's house receiving a tour of the house?

A No. That was the first night that we got there that he was showing us around. That's when I saw -- you know, he was showing all of us, all of us around, Mr. Jose Canseco was showing all of us around.

Q When you refer to "all of us," you mean Roger Clemens also?

A Yes.

Q So it was the first night that you were there with the Clemens family, you remember that Roger Clemens was in the house, and that Mr. Jose Canseco was showing Roger

Clemens around the house?

A Yes, and all of us, yes.

Q And you remember that at some point -- it was the next morning that you remember Mr. Clemens went and played golf?

A Yes, sir.

Q And that was with Mr. Canseco?

A Yes, sir.

Q Okay.

Mr. Cohen. My colleague Theo Chuang is going to ask you a couple of questions also.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. CHUANG:

Q You do recall whether there was a party at the house with all the Blue Jays over at the house?

A Sir, I don't, because that is something that I definitely would have remembered, sir. While I was there, I know that it wasn't no party, it was just the kids and I and Greg, and we were in the pool. I would have remembered the party, you know, because you would never forget all of these big boys, and stuff, many of them, you know, all those parties having them around. I definitely would have remembered.

Q Were there other times had you been to Mr. Canseco's house, or was that the only time?

A No, sir, that was the only time.

Q Did you take the kids somewhere at some point outside the house, so that maybe there was a party when you weren't at the house?

A No, sir, because we, Mrs. Clemens and all of us, we went and check out the Cheeca Lodge.

Q What's the Cheeca Lodge?

A Yes, sir.

Q What is that?

A It's like a resort, yes.

BY MR. COHEN:

Q So you didn't spend the entire -- how many nights did you spend at Mr. Canseco's house?

A The one that I remember was one, sir.

Q And the next -- the next night you went and stayed at the Cheeca Lodge?

A Yes, sir, after we swam.

BY MR. CHUANG:

Q Were you familiar with someone named Brian McNamee?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you see him while you were in Florida on that trip?

A I don't remember, sir. I know what he looks like. He had been there at Mr. Clemens' house lots of time when he was training him.

Q You don't recall whether you saw him in Florida on that trip?

A No, sir. No, sir, I don't.

Q Prior to this interview, have you been contacted by Mr. Clemens' lawyers or anyone else representing Mr. Clemens?

A Yes, I have, sir, because it was -- they asked me did somebody mention my name, and I would tell them that I knew the truth, I was inside, and if there was anything I could do to help, I will do it, because I KNOW what kind of person Mr. Clemens is.

Q When did you first hear from them about this congressional matter?

A Not until, let's say, about a day ago.

Q And who called you?

A One of the workers.

Q And who did he say he was from or who he worked for?

A Oh, I know him. We used to work together.

Q I'm sorry, who was this?

A Roberto.

Q And who did he work for?

A For Mr. Clemens.

Q Is he a lawyer or an investigator or --

A No, no, no, just an employee.

Q What did he say to you?

A He says that Mrs. Clemens -- Mr. Clemens was needing to talk to me.

Q And then did Mr. Clemens talk to you?

A Yes, sir.

Q And when did he talk to you about this?

A Let's see, what day was it? It was Sunday.

Q What did he say to you?

A He said, [REDACTED] do you remember the Cheeca Lodge trip? And I said, yes. And he says, you know, they're saying this is -- is -- what's going on. And I remember exactly, I said, there was no party while I was there. He said, you know, they will be calling you. He says, you -- and they will be calling you. He says, will you please tell the truth? So I told him, yes, absolutely.

Q And this was Mr. Clemens, Roger Clemens?

A Yes.

Q It was Sunday night, you said?

A Not Sunday night. It was like in the afternoon.

Q Did you -- when he called you, did you talk about your memories of that time, of that visit?

A Yes, yes. He asked me if I remember, which I recall.

Q What did he say to you, and what did you say to him about that --

A He asked me, he said, [REDACTED] do you remember that trip

that we went to Cheeca Lodge? And I said, yes. And he said, they saying about this party going on at the lodge. And I said, while I was there with the little ones, I said, I don't remember a party, which I don't.

Q Did he tell you whether there had been a party or not?

A No, sir.

Q Did he tell you whether he had been to Mr. Canseco's house or not?

A No, sir.

Q Did he give you any information to help jog your memory about anything that happened that week?

A No, sir.

Q What else did you say to Mr. Clemens, and what else did he say to you during that conversation?

A That was it. That was it. I hugged the kids because it has been, you know, a couple of years since I have seen the family.

Q When you said you didn't remember a party, what did he say?

A He says, [REDACTED] you know, the reason that you don't remember that party is because I wasn't there, he said, because I know that he was playing with Jose.

Q So did he ask you, do you remember a party, and then you said you did not remember a party?



A That's right.

Q And when you said you didn't remember a party, he said the reason you don't remember is because I wasn't there?

A Correct.

Q And then what was the discussion about playing golf?

A I don't know what they discussed when they were playing golf, if that's what you're asking. Or rephrase the question.

Q Did you discuss with him whether he played golf during that week?

A No, sir. I just work for Mr. Clemens, I don't run his life. My job was to take care of the little ones. He did a lot of activities, but that's about it. I was just the hired help. Mr. Clemens is a private man.

Q In this conversation on Sunday with Mr. Clemens, did he remind you that he had played golf that week?

A Oh, no. That's something that Roger have always done, you know. He always carry his golf clubs, and if he can squeeze in time to go play, him and his wife, that was a relaxing time, he'd go play golf.

Q After you had this conversation with Mr. Clemens in which he said that he reminded you he wasn't at the party, did you have any further discussion with him in that conversation?

A No, sir.

Q And what, if any, instructions did he give you about how to handle questions about this?

A You know what, sir? He said, [REDACTED] you know the truth, don't be afraid, which I'm not, I'm just telling you the truth.

Q Do you remember this call with Mr. Clemens, was it in the morning; when was it on Sunday?

A I cannot give you a time exactly, sir.

Q It was over the phone?

A Yes, sir.

Q And so you said someone name Roberto called you first, and then Roger Clemens called you after that?

A Yes, sir, uh-huh.

Q Did you ever hear from one of Mr. Clemens' lawyers?

A There's a gentleman named Jim, the only person I have spoke to.

Q Jim Murray?

A I believe that's his name.

Q Jim Yarbrough or Murray?

A I don't know his last name, sir.

Q When did you hear from Jim?

A The same day.

Q Was it before or after you spoke to Mr. Clemens?

A After I spoke to Mr. Clemens.

Q What did Jim say to you?

A He said, [REDACTED] this is going on -- because I only found out about this until that day, and I read the Sunday newspapers with all the stuff. He said, [REDACTED] this is going on. He says, don't be afraid, just tell the truth, which that's what I'm doing. If there is anything I can help Mr. Clemens, I was there since the kids were little, and I have seen what kind of person Mr. Clemens is, and if there is anything that I can do to help, I will do it.

Q Just so I understand it, Mr. Jim, did you know whether he was a lawyer for Mr. Clemens?

A No, sir; no, I did not.

Q He was not a lawyer for you, right?

A No, sir.

Q He worked for Mr. Clemens.

And so did he go over the events with you or what you remembered about the events in June of 1998?

A Yes, yes, he did, sir. He asked me almost kind of similar questions of Mr. Clemens. I did not know that he was a lawyer. But the one thing I'm going to tell you about Mr. Clemens is because any people around him is people he can trust, and so I guess that's why this thing I'm willing to do whatever I can to help, because he treated everybody -- he treats everybody like family, and that's why if there's anything that I can do to help, I will.

Q So Jim, did he ask you whether there was a party?

A No, sir.

Q I'm sorry what was that?

A No, sir.

Q Did he ask you whether Mr. Clemens had been to Mr. Canseco's house?

A Yes.

Q Did he remind you whether Mr. Clemens had been at the house?

A No, no, no. He didn't have to remind me of that, because I remember, I remember that myself.

Q You remember him being at the house?

A Yes, sir. When Mr. Jose Canseco toured the house, sir.

Q I'm sorry, did you say that you remembered his last name or not?

A Who, Mr. Jim?

Q Jim.

A No, sir, I don't remember his last name.

Q Did you speak with anyone else from Mr. Clemens' -- who worked for Mr. Clemens?

A No, sir.

Q And do you remember whether the call with Jim was morning, afternoon or evening?

A Afternoon.

Q And it was after the call with Mr. Clemens?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where did Mr. Clemens call you from?

A His house.

Q In Houston?

A Yes, sir.

Q And do you know whether it was on a cell phone or his home phone?

A I cannot recall, sir, I would have to check my number.

Q Was that also in the afternoon?

A Actually, sir, he called me, and then this is not a matter that you can discuss it on the phone. I came around, and I spoke to him.

Q So you spoke to Mr. Clemens in person?

A Yes, sir.

Q At his house?

A Yes, sir.

Q Just remind me again. Do you still work for him or not?

A Oh, no, sir, no.

Q But you live in the area, in Houston?

A I --

Q Is that a yes?

A Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

Q So you went over to his house, and that's when you had the conversation you discussed?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you remember what time of day that was?

A I would say midday, because I was taking my grandchildren to my daughter's house. I picked them up on Fridays, and then on the weekend I take them to --

Q So it would be before or after lunch?

A After lunch, sir.

Q And do you remember anything else about that conversation?

A No, sir. That was it. It was about it. It was short, you know, and he just mentioned, you, [REDACTED] -- you know, that's what Mr. Clemens called me. He says, [REDACTED] this is going on, and would you please just tell the truth? I said, no problem.

Q Was anyone else there or just him?

A His brother Greg was there and his mother-in-law -- I mean -- go ahead, sir.

Q Go ahead.

A No. I haven't seen them for a long time, so we were all excited to see each other. So they were around.

Q Were they involved in the conversation, or were they just around?

A They were just around.

Q When was the last time you saw Mr. Clemens prior to that approximately?

A Um, the last time, um, let's see -- with Mr. Clemens I can tell you the last day that I saw his wife, because that's the last day that I stopped working for them. That was the day my grandson was going to the hospital to be born, and that was on the [REDACTED], 1991. Mr. Clemens, I only saw him, you know, a couple of times. He was working most of the time.

Q I'm sorry, when was the last time you saw Mr. Clemens? Because 1991 is a long time ago.

A Yes, because that's when I stopped working for them.

Q In 1991 or 2001?

A 2001, 2001, 2001. I'm sorry, 2001. That's when my grandson was born.

Q Did you then start taking care of your grandson?

A Sir, sir, sir?

Q What was the reason you stopped working for Mr. Clemens?

A Oh, I had a granddaughter prior to that, and I was just traveling so much, and I love children, and I know that I was needing to be there for my grandchildren because we travel a lot, and I wasn't having time to spend with my own family, sir. And so, you know, money is wonderful and all of that, but family is important, too, sir.

Q And had you been in touch with Mr. Clemens and his family over those 7 years or so between the time you left and this past Sunday?

A You know what, sir? I haven't, because I don't want them to think that it is about the money or anything like that. I am a humble person, you know, and I decided that I was going to, you know, go on with my life. Mr. Clemens have send me flowers when my mother passed away. I have received notes, you know, come and see us, [REDACTED] whenever you get a chance, you know, but it -- I guess I wasn't ready emotional to see the kiddos. I loved them like they were my own, and so I didn't just -- well, you know, I just wanted to seeing them and not be a part of their life. You know, I made a choice that I was going to look after mine.

Q So you didn't see Mr. Clemens from 2001 until this past Sunday?

A Yes, sir.

Mr. Cohen. [REDACTED] just give us a second, okay?

Ms. [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

BY MR. CHUANG:

Q I just want to ask one last question. Other than Jim and Mr. Clemens and Roberto, was there anyone else that you spoke to about this interview from Mr. Clemens?

A His mom was present while we were talking, just kind of close, but nobody else.



Q Any other lawyers or agents?

A No, sir. No, sir. Nobody, sir.

Q And what about yesterday and today, anyone?

A No, sir; no, sir.

Mr. Chuang. Thank you.

Mr. Castor. Just for the record, this is Steve Castor, again with the Republicans. I just want to say, so the court reporter can write this down, that I don't have any questions for you, but I do thank you for being so willing to speak with us and remember as much as you can about things that happened a long time ago. So thank you for your help.

Ms. [REDACTED] You're welcome, sir. And I want to tell you this from the bottom of my heart: Sometimes in life you have to stand up for what's right, and I feel in my heart that I'm doing the right thing. This is not about the money. At the time I left working for Mr. Clemens, I was going to have all these wonderful things they were going to do for me. And my children and my grandchildren, they were so important to me that I left a charmed life. I chose the normal life, and, you know, I'm doing this because I know it's right. There is no money involved. I'm doing this because I know it is the right thing to do. He's a good man.

Mr. Glickman. Hold on one more second.

Ms. [REDACTED] Thanks, sir.

Mr. Cohen. We'll go off the record. I think we're done.

Ms. [REDACTED] Thank you, sir.

Mr. Cohen. I know it turned out to be a big chunk of the morning.

[Whereupon, at 10:47 p.m., the telephone interview was concluded.]

## Certificate of Deponent/Interviewee

I have read the foregoing \_\_\_\_ pages, which contain the correct transcript of the answers made by me to the questions therein recorded.

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