

procedure require the judge to jump thru a bunch of hoops to deal with this stuff before ordering the process.

On Friday night, Pablo and Luis met with the judge near the airport in his barrio in a restaurant. I was supposed to be there, but I couldn't find it and they said not to come thru Lupita, and they could not contact me about the new address because I had lost my cell phone. Anyway, they showed up at the Hotel around 11 and we went out to get some Shushi. They love Noe because a bunch of sexy woman go there, and they like the table in the middle of the restaurant to get the best view of people walking out to smoke and go to the bathroom. (A different kind of near-nudity than the Huarani woman the first day of the trial.) I was really pissed off at the news they reported – that the judge still did not want to rule, he needed protection, that a magistrate from the Supreme Ct was coming on Thursday to check him out given the denuncias, etc. Clearly, T's strategy is working.

The different pieces of the strategy to get us home have to work in concert, and the one element out of sync at the moment is the fact we don't have the order to begin the PG. This is the one thing left; if we can get thru this, we should be home free.

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Judge still refuses to issue Providencia. Still problem with judge – no providencia yet, even though Pablo said it would come yesterday. Pablo returned to Lago and met with the judge. The secretary told him she got a call from an unknown magistrate of the Supreme Court telling him to slow down the environmental cases (our case and the OCP). We think this is complete bullshit; that nobody actually called, and that was part of Texaco's pressure via the secretary. Further, these pressures to remove the judge have mysteriously and suddenly heated up again, and we think Texaco is behind them. The bottom line is that the judge asked us for help to protect him, like we did last August. And two days ago, the judge called Richard and asked him to recommend a perito, which seemed odd to me if we had set it up that Richard would be appointed, but according to Pablo it is likely part of the judge's complicated plan to protect himself. In the meantime, all of our plans are on hold – the open shareholder's letter, the press boletin both here and up in the EU, and our press conference. My first notification was around 11 a.m.. We talked with Pablo again at 5 p.m., and I sort of realized at that point our precious equilibrium between inside/outside strategies is again out of whack. I just don't believe Luis and Pablo get the public part enough. Clearly the judge is a weak man who lives in fear, and right now he fears issuing the Providencia more than he fears not issuing it. And I am sure Reis Veiga and his team are fighting for their damn lives. I am not sure if I want to go to Ambato on Friday. I find this terribly frustrating – reminds me of the old days, and again reminds me of how hard it is going to be get our judgment even with everything in our favor.

Problem with Amazon Watch again. Just found our letter Leila wrote to Kimerling's group (Maharuk Nuahia) where they admitted mistakes and said the Frente does not represent all the afectados – handing a major victory to Kimerling. I wrote very strong letter in response, and I am pissed they did not show me this letter before. Luis is pissed too. They are so controlling – the Daryl Hannah trip coming up at the end of March