



**THE CORONA IMPEACHMENT**

**Day 20 - Monday, 20 February 2012**

**On the Second Article of Impeachment**

<i>Event / Witness</i>	<i>Highlights / Remarks</i>
<p><i>Re-direct examination of witness</i></p> <p><b>Annabelle Tiongson</b> <i>Branch Manager, PSBank Katipunan</i></p> <p><b>Senator-Judge Juan Ponce Enrile</b> <i>Presiding Officer</i></p>	<p>Enrile asked Tiongson about the steel cabinet containing the bank records and who could access them. She explained the method of how the documents were accessed and said only her, the Branch Service and Control Officer (BSCO) and the Customer Service Associate had access.</p> <p>Tiongson recalled her meeting with Rep. Jorge Banal on January 31, 2012. Banal asked about Corona’s winning a PSBank raffle and some details on Corona’s accounts. She said Banal was holding forms that resembled the PSBank Customer Information Signature Specimen and saw Corona’s name printed on it. She also said that Banal stayed only for 10-15 minutes and after the congressman left, she immediately told her superior, the assistant vice president, on what happened during Banal’s visit. She also spoke with the BSCO and instructed the officer to check the documents inside the vault if the documents similar with what Banal presented were there. The two officers were Honeylet Marasigan and Emelyn Dizon. The documents were transferred to the PSBank head office in Makati on February 1 on Garcia’s order.</p>
<p><i>Clarificatory questions for witness</i></p> <p><b>Senator- Judge Miriam Defensor Santiago</b></p>	<p>Santiago posed questions to Tiongson and reminded her to be calm.</p> <p>Santiago reminded the participants that asking questions concerning foreign currency deposits without the consent of the depositor is a violation of the law, specifically Section 8 of Republic Act 6426, or the Foreign Currency Deposit Act. Santiago commended Tiongson for</p>

	<p>immediately reporting to her superiors the visit of Banal on January 31 allegedly to ask for help in authenticating copies of Corona’s purported bank records. She also instructed legislators to read the law more carefully because under the rules of evidence, it would be presumed that the person caught in possession of illegally obtained documents is the same person who stole the records.</p>
<p><i>Re-direct examination of witness</i>  <b>Pascual Garcia III</b>  <i>President, PSBank</i></p> <p><b>Senator-Judge Juan Ponce Enrile</b>  <i>Presiding Officer</i></p> <p><b>Regis Puno</b>  <i>PSBank Counsel</i></p> <p><b>Senator-Judge Franklin Drilon</b></p>	<p>Enrile asked Garcia some clarificatory questions. The PSBank president testified on the events during the transfer of Corona’s bank records from the Katipunan branch to the head office, as well as the joint audit by Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and Anti- Money Laundering Council (AMLC).</p> <p>Garcia said the AMLC accessed the bank records of Corona. He also said that BSP and AMLC officials at least saw the signature card for Corona’s dollar accounts during an audit of PSBank from September to November 2010. Garcia said the specimen signature card did not have the PEP (Politically Exposed Persons) classification, a tag required by AMLC and Bangko Sentral on accounts of elected public officials and senior government officers.</p> <p>Enrile ordered Garcia to produce the Chief Justice's signature card from 2010 which was submitted to the BSP-AMLC audit team for comparison with the leaked document.</p> <p>Puno said they brought with them Corona's signature card but they said it might be different from the one submitted to the AMLC. Enrile ordered Garcia to make an inventory of records of Corona accounts submitted and shown to the BSP-AMLC audit team adding that they should also block out foreign account details.</p> <p>Sotto placed on record that the court already received the vault access logbook of the PSBank Katipunan Branch.</p> <p>Drilon asked about the other peso accounts under Corona’s name. Garcia told the court of one peso time deposit account and one peso checking account. Garcia confirmed that the three accounts closed on the day Corona was impeached were transferred to a checking</p>

<p><b>Senator-Judge Ferdinand Marcos Jr.</b></p>	<p>account. Garcia also said the Chief Justice made the deposits in the form of credit memoranda for the following amounts: P7,397,566.36, P12,988,951.36, and P17,270,654.97.</p>																												
	<p>Garcia then testified on joint accounts of Chief Justice Renato Corona and his wife, Ma. Cristina Corona:</p>																												
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<p>Garcia presented the original signature card of Corona's peso accounts and described significant differences from the original. He said there were 42 points of differences such as digits appearing to be superimposed, underlined, in bold letters, etc.</p>																													
<p>Drilon asked Garcia to compare signatures between Annex A and his original signature specimen. Garcia said there were similarities of the information contained in both documents such as the address, civil status, and account numbers but still different in the way they were written. Garcia said he was with the Chief Audit Officer, Chief Risk Officer, and Legal Unit Head during the inspection of the bank records.</p>																													
<p>Marcos asked clarificatory questions to Garcia, specifically on the access to bank records of BSP and AMLC audit personnel. Garcia said only the AMLC were authorized to look into deposit documents as part of an audit process and as often as deemed necessary. He added that based on the examination report, bank records were provided to them.</p>																													

<p><b>Senator-Judge Loren Legarda</b></p>	<p>Legarda then wrapped-up the debate on the audit by the BSP and AMLC and the truthfulness of the documents.</p> <p>Garcia said there was no court order. Only photocopies were given to the BSP and AMLC. Legarda pointed out that the only clear proof of difference in bank records presented was the “PEP” marking.</p>
<p><b>Serafin Cuevas</b> <i>Lead Defense Counsel</i></p> <p><b>Senator-Judge Teofisto Guingona</b></p> <p><b>Senator-Judge Joker Arroyo</b></p> <p><b>Senator-Judge Panfilo Lacson</b></p> <p><b>Demetrio Custodio</b> <i>Private Prosecutor</i></p>	<p>Cuevas asked if there should be a court order to allow the AMLC to conduct an investigation to which Garcia agreed. The defense counsel also said he would not know whether the entries on the documents in the audit were accurate or not.</p> <p>Guingona said he called the AMLC during the session break and they categorically denied auditing PSBank. He then clarified this with Garcia and told him the AMLC does not conduct regular audits. Guingona also said the PSBank president might be confused. He explained that an AMLC official merely accompanied the Bangko Sentral audit team. He asked Garcia to bring a second specimen card of Corona’s signature.</p> <p>Arroyo voiced apprehension that bank audits might be used for political vendetta.</p> <p>Lacson suggested that handwriting analysts from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) be tapped to determine whether it was really Corona’s signature appearing on the bank records which have yet to be authenticated.</p> <p>Enrile said it was the job of the prosecution, but Lacson said the speculations over the signatures should end. Enrile held the senator-judges would discuss this in caucus.</p> <p>Custodio moved to adopt Garcia as a prosecution witness as far as additional bank accounts were concerned, but he was countered by Cuevas saying that the witness was recalled by the tribunal after he was discharged therefore the witness was neither theirs nor for the defense.</p>

<b>Senator-Judge Juan Ponce Enrile</b> <i>Presiding Officer</i>	The Presiding Officer ruled that the marking of additional Corona bank accounts as evidence would be deferred until the issue of whose witness Garcia was had been resolved.
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