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To: Willie Colon
From: Ruben Blades
Date: May 10th, 2,003
Re: The Martinez Morgalo mess, P.Rico Concert May 3rd

Dear Willie: Tired calling you this morning, 12th, at 11 a.m, my time. ^{It rang and ra} ^{no one picked} ^{up}

I'm doing numbers here. ^{The fax you sent me} ~~Your notes~~ indicated you calculate the expenses in "\$51,000.00" and you add that you're "willing to accept up to \$65,000.00, without backup documentation". You say ~~that~~ ^{in expenses} that, according to your figures, you have "\$80,000.00 coming". Before I get to ~~any~~ ^{any} number, ^{does} your ~~willingness~~ ^{statement}, to accept "up to \$65,000.00 in expenses" indicates ^{that} anything else would be unacceptable to you? I may be wrong, but that's what it suggests. ~~is~~ ^{If that's what} is not acceptable to me for several reasons. One, I got robbed just as you got robbed. Two, the expenses will be what they will be and we are going to just have to deal with the final number, no matter what we expected it to be. ~~Whatever the number might be,~~ ^{It'll be divided} equally between us, as ~~it was~~ ^{understood} agreed before this mess ^{happened}. Third, I told you I'd pay you because I feel morally obliged to do so. I'm not the agency, nor do I have the obligation legally to provide restitution to you. It's my choice because my integrity says it is the right thing to do. I don't like ~~to be~~ ^{to be} given conditions under which you'll accept my good faith ~~to be~~ such as "up to \$65,000.00 in expenses, without backup documentation". You're not doing me a favor here: I'm doing you one, and you should ~~know~~ appreciate it. You will get all documentation ~~necessary~~ and available to back up whatever amount I find as expenses. I don't want absolutely anything ~~not clear~~ ^{clear} in this matter.

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As for the numbers related to expenses, I'm still trying to ^{determine} ~~the~~ the following ~~amounts~~ ^{disbursements}:

Estimates:

4,923.00
942.22 ^{flights}
596.00 ^{hotel}

1. Band travel from New York to P.Rico, (10 people); airfares roundtrip
2. Three additional tickets, covering Walter Flores, Oscar Marin and Guillermo Gomez, ² from Costa Rica to New York, from New York to Puerto Rico and from Puerto Rico back to Costa Rica; ^{one} C.Rica-P.Rico-C.Rica;
3. Costs of ^{Walter Flores} their hotel in New York, their "per-diems", and, if applicable, ³⁰⁰ rehearsal fees. I don't know what their expenses were since Arturo Martinez was supposed to take care of them, and left them abandoned;
4. Costs ~~for~~ for the rehearsal studio in New York; "Montana Studios"; ^{hrs, who pays cost and how?}
5. How much was payed, or how much it is owed to Ennio Gatti, for the gig and his musical direction;

hrs, so far \$1200

Once I have these figures I'll be able to clarify the total costs for this affair. Money is owed to the musicians for their rehearsals in New York and to me, for the VISA PAYMENT I made to cover the band's hotel fees. All of the expenses will be clearly presented to you. Once these are tabulated we'll know what each of us is entitled to, not before. Finally, I suggest you talk to your lawyer about those \$62,500.00

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that the promoters claim they payed to Martinez, Morgalo. ~~was~~ Das suggested, when we spoke, that this situation may be interpreted as a separate transaction between them, since it involved a different arrangement, at a different time. My accountant is going ~~through~~ through all the deposits received by us, coming from Martinez, Morgalo, since February of 2,002, to see if we find anything related to this alleged payment of \$62,500.00. My bank in L.A. is doing the same. Hopefully I'll have answers by next Friday, the 18th. There's an outside chance we may have a claim here, since they sent a total of \$287,500.00 related to the May 3rd show, not \$350,000.00. Martinez Morgalo cheated them, if they believed the \$62,500.00 from 2,002 was going to be applied to the May 3rd show as a down payment. So we'd still be owed that amount, perhaps, from the promoters and they would have to recoup it from Martinez, ~~Morgalo~~ Morgalo. It might be pulling at straws but ask your attorney ~~for~~. He gave me good advice before. I hope you're reasonably well. Give my best to Julie and the family.

As for