Dear Mr. SCHILLER:

I refer to your request dated April 23, 2009 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for the release of certain material under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552). Of the relevant documents retrieved in response to your request, 44 were considered to be of primary interest to the Department of State, and were therefore referred to us for appropriate action.

We have determined that nine may be released in full, 18 may be released with excisions, and one must be withheld in full. All released material is enclosed. A decision on two of the remaining 15 documents requires coordination with other government office; we will advise you when a final determination has been made. The other 13 documents originated with the Drug Enforcement Agency, which will review them and reply directly to you.

An enclosure explains Freedom of Information Act exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. For the one document withheld in full we have cited exemption B1.
In some cases, two or more exemptions may apply to the same document. In the case of a document released in part, all non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

The enclosed material includes documents from which the FBI has excised information under subsection (b)(7)(C) of the Freedom of Information Act. That provision exempts from release records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes which, if released, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. If you wish to appeal those particular excisions, please write within 60 days to Director, Office of Information Policy/ U.S. Department of Justice/ 1425 New York Avenue, N.W./ Suite 11050/ Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, and cite FBI Case No. 1130449.

Please note that one or more documents may be incomplete, because pages are missing or portions are illegible. We received the documents in that form from the referring agency.

With respect to material withheld by the Department of State, you have the right to appeal our determination within 60 days. A copy of the appeals procedures is enclosed.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Sheryl L. Walter, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:
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E.O. 12356: DECL/OADR
TAGS: FGOV; PHUM; MX
SUBJECT: PRI SECGEN SHOT AND CRITICALLY WOUNDED

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. PRI SECRETARY GENERAL JOSÉ FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSIEU WAS SHOT AND CRITICALLY WOUNDED AT ABOUT 9:22 AM LOCAL TIME IN MEXICO CITY. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, A LONE GUNMAN WALKED UP TO RUIZ'S CAR AS HE WAS LEAVING A PRI POLITICAL BREAKFAST AND SHOT HIM IN THE NECK AT CLOSE RANGE WITH A 9MM PISTOL. THE LONE GUNMAN IS UNDER ARREST.

3. RUIZ WAS TAKEN DIRECTLY TO SURGERY AT THE SPANISH HOSPITAL IN MEXICO CITY. HE REPORTEDLY NEEDED MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE TO BREATHE. PRESIDENT SALINAS AND PRESIDENT-ELECT ZEDILLO ARE SAID TO BE ON THEIR WAY TO THE HOSPITAL.

4. RUIZ WAS EXPECTED TO BE ELECTED THE HEAD OF THE PRI GROUP IN THE LOWER HOUSE OF CONGRESS. HE IS CLOSE TO PRESIDENT SALINAS AND IS HIS FORMER BROTHER-IN-LAW. HE IS ALSO THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GUERRERO. HIS BROTHER IS AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL. (MEXICO 12624 CONTAINS A MORE COMPLETE BIO.)

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Alan Flanigan, Senior Reviewer

UNCLASSIFIED U.S. Department of State Case No. F-2011-06745 Doc No. C17640093 Date: 02/05/2013
5. COMMENT: WHILE NOT ON THE LEVEL OF THE
ASSASSINATION OF THE PRI PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
LUIS COLOSIO, THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF VIOLENCE
IN THE MEXICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM. RUÍZ, AS GOVERNOR
OF GUERRERO, WAS ALLEGEDLY LINKED TO ACTS OF
VIOLENCE IN THAT STATE. THIS SHOOTING MAY BE AN
TEMP TO SETTLE A SCORE FROM THAT PERIOD. WE
ILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS CLOSELY.

IMMEDIATE UPDATE: AN INSIDE SOURCE HAS JUST
INFORMED LEGATT THAT RUÍZ MASSIBU HAS DIED. WE
CANNOT CONFIRM THIS REPORT.

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CONGRESSIONALDELEGATION.THELEADERSOFTHE
MAJORPARTIES(PRIPRDPANDPAN)CONDEMNED
VIOLENCEANDCALLEDFORACOMPLETEINVESTIGATION.
FINANCIALANDSTOCKMARKETSRANNEDESTEADY.

3. THEREISNOTETYANYCLEARMOTIVEFORTHE
SLAYING.ONETHEORYISTHATTHEMURDERWAS
NARCO-RELATED,POSSIBLYINRETRIBUTIONFOR
RECENTLYINTENSIFIEDGOVERNMENTEFFORTSHEADEDBY
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REVENGE.AFORMERJOSEFRANCISCO RUIZMASSIEU
ASSOCIATEINPRISONFORFRAUDISNOWUNDER
INVESTIGATION, SUGGESTING THAT THE MOTIVE ALSO MAY
HAVEBEENPERSONAL,NOTDRUG-RELATED.ENDORSUMMARY.

POSSIBLEMOTIVES
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4. TWO THEORIESNOWDOMINATESPECULATION
REGARDINGRESPONSIBILITYANDMOTIVESFORTHE
KILLING:

--NARCO-TRAFFICKERS.THEREAREANUMBEROF
VARIATIONSONTHISTHEORY,MOSTHINGONTHEFACT
THATJOSEFRANCISCO RUIZMASSIEU'SBROTHER,MARIO,
ISA FEDERALASSISTANTATTORNEYGENERALWHOHAS
BEENACTIVEINOPERATIONSAGAINST
NARCO-TRAFFICKERS,ESPECIALLYTHEJUANGARCIA
ABREGO-LED ORGANIZATION ON THEGULFCOAST.

--PERSONALREVENGE: THIS THEORYHOLDSTHAT
SOMEONESOUGHTTOSETTLEASCOREARISINGFROMRUIZ
MASSIEU'SCONFLICTIVETENUREASGOVERNOROF
GUERRERO1987-93. THE LEADINGTARGETFOR
SUSPICIONISNOWABRAHRAMRUBIOCANALES,AKEY
POLITICALANDBUSINESSASSOCIATEOFRUIZMASSIEU
LATERJAILEDFORAMULTI-MILLIONDOLLARFRAUD,WHO
--LIKE THE ASSASSIN--ISATAMAUÍPAS NATIVE.
UNCONFIRMEDREPORTSSAYRUBIOCANALESHADLOYED
THE ASSASSIN ON A RANCH IN TAMAUÍPAS.

INVESTIGATIONUNDERWAY
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5. FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL BENITEZ TREVINO
ISSUEDASTATEMENTLASTNIGHTPOSITIVELY
IDENTIFYINGTHE ASSASSINAS DANIEL AGUILAR
TREVINO, AND REPORTING THAT FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

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WAS INTERVENTION BY THE BANK OF MEXICO, AND U.S.
SOURCES REPORTED SOME INTERVENTION LATE IN THE
DAY. THE ACTUAL EXTENT OF THE INTERVENTION IS
UNCLEAR, BUT LOCAL PRESS REPORTS OF EXTENSIVE
INTERVENTION IN THE EXCHANGE, MONEY AND STOCK
MARKETS SEEM EXAGGERATED BASED ON THE INFORMATION
AVAILABLE. END COMMENT.

POLITICAL IMPACT/REACTIONS

9. LEADERS OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES (PRI;
PRD AND PAN) HAVE ALL CONDEMNED VIOLENCE AND
CALLED FOR A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION. THE PRI
NATIONAL COUNCIL WILL PROBABLY MEET OVER THE
WEEKEND, OCTOBER 1-2, TO CONSIDER A NEW SECRETARY
GENERAL.

10. RUIZ MASSIEU WAS CLOSE TO A MANY PRI LEADERS
AND HIS DEATH IS A PERSONEL SHOCK TO THEM.
EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT PRESIDENT SALINAS
CANCELED HIS TO ADDRESS THE FAMILIES OF THE NAVAL
ACADEMY GRADUATING CLASS, WHO HAD GATHERED AT HIS
RESIDENCE ON SEPTEMBER 29, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS
PRESENT IN ANOTHER PART OF LOS PINOS BECAUSE,
ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, "HE HAD TO
GET HIS EMOTIONS UNDER CONTROL." PRI PARTY
GOVERNORIAL CANDIDATE IN THE STATE OF TABASCO
ROBERTO MADRAZO AND PRI STATE CONGRESSIONAL
CANDIDATES SUSPENDED CAMPAIGNING FOR THE NOVEMBER
20 ELECTIONS FOR A PERIOD OF MOURNING. MADRAZO, A
CLOSE FRIEND OF RUIZ MASSIEU AND FELLOW MEMBER OF
THE PRI NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, TOLD POLOFF
THAT HE THOUGHT RUIZ MASSIEU'S KILLING WAS AN
ATTACK BY "DARK FORCES" (IMPLYING NARCOTICS
TRAFFICKERS) TO CHILL GOVERNMENT ACTIONS AGAINST
THEM. MADRAZO'S WIFE, VISIBLY CONCERNED FOR HIS
SAFETY, CAUTIONED HIM TO INCREASE HIS SECURITY IN
RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK.

11. COMMENT. THIS KILLING HIGHLIGHTS THE
VULNERABILITY OF PRI CHIEFTAINS IN A WAY THE
COLOSIO KILLING DID NOT, GIVEN COLOSIO'S UNIQUENESS
VISIBILITY AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. RUIZ
MASSIEU WAS A WELL-RESPECTED SENIOR FIGURE, BILLED
BY SOME AS PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER. HE WAS CLOSE TO
BOTH SALINAS AND PRESIDENT-ELECT ZEDILLO, BUT NOT
NEARLY AS VISIBLE AS A PRESIDENT OR PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE; HIS ASSASSINATION MAY MAKE MANY OTHERS
IN THE PRI, LIKE MADRAZO, FEEL THEY ARE AT RISK.

12. THE KILLING RENEWS CONCERNS REGARDING THE
CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE. THE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE
MOTIVES INITIALLY ADVANCED TO EXPLAIN THE KILLING
GONZALEZ OFFERED TO PAY AGUILAR AND CO-CONSPIRATOR CARLOS ANGEL CANTU NARVAEZ 50,000 PESOS (ABOUT 15,000 U.S.D.) FOR THE MURDER. A FOURTH MAN, ABRAHAM RUBIO CANALES, WHO IS A FORMER RUIZ MASSIEU ASSOCIATE NOW IN PRISON FOR FRAUD, WAS REPORTEDLY LINKED TO THE CRIME AND IS UNDER INVESTIGATION. RUBIO CANALES AND THE ASSASSIN HAIL FROM TAMALIPAS WHERE THE ASSASSIN REPORTEDLY WORKED ON A RUBIO CANALES-OWNED FARM. MEANWHILE, A MASSIVE POLICE OPERATION IS UNDERWAY IN TAMALIPAS, REPORTEDLY DIRECTED AGAINST BOTH RUBIO CANALES INTERESTS THERE AND THOSE OF THE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

6. THE GOM HAS REQUESTED THAT THE FBI ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL ARRESTED AS THE SHOOTER. THE GOM PROVIDED FINGERPRINTS TO THE FBI OFFICE IN L.A. WHICH WERE NOT USABLE, THE FBI REQUESTED ANOTHER PRINT SET AND WILL FORWARD WHEN RECEIVED. ATF HAS TRACED THE GUN USED IN THE ASSASSINATION TO A 1986 SALE BY RIVerview TRUE VALUE HARDWARE AND FAMILY CENTER IN ROMA TEXAS TO JACOVITA GARZA WHO SAID SHE RESOLD IT TO LEO GARZA WHO, IN TURN, RESOLD IT TO LUCIO GONZALEZ WHO LIVES IN SAN BENITO TEXAS. ATF IS CONTINUING THE TRACE.

MARKET REACTION MEASURED

7. FINANCIAL MARKETS RESPONDED TO THE DAY'S EVENTS IN A MEASURED FASHION. THE PESO CLOSED FOR SAME-DAY SETTLEMENT AT 3.3950 TO THE DOLLAR, SLIGHTLY WEAKER FROM THE DAY BEFORE BUT STILL 1.2 PERCENT FROM THE TOP OF THE BAND. TRADING DURING THE DAY OF SEPTEMBER 30 WAS REPORTED CALM AND AS OF 1 PM THE CURRENCY APPEARS TO HAVE MAINTAINED ITS VALUE. THE STOCK MARKET FELL UPON THE NEWS OF THE SHOOTING BUT RECOVERED IN LATE TRADING ON THE 29TH. THE INDEX CLOSED DOWN 53 POINTS (1.95 PERCENT), UP 35 POINTS FROM ITS LOW. THE ADR OF TELEFONOS DE MEXICO, THE BELLWEATHER STOCK FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT, CLOSED AT USD 63.25, DROPPING BY LESS THAN 1.7 PERCENT IN PRICE. PRELIMINARY REPORTS ON SEPTEMBER 30 SHOWED THE INDEX FALLING, INDICATING A LACK OF BUYERS.

8. COMMENT. THE PATTERN OF PRICES -- FALLING PRICES WITH LATER RECOVERY -- SUGGESTS THAT THERE
SUGGESTS THE DEEP DIVISIONS THAT REMAIN IN MEXICO. IT HAS BEEN ONLY SIX MONTHS SINCE COLOSIO WAS KILLED, AND SIMILAR DOUBTS REMAIN ALIVE ABOUT THE MOTIVES FOR COLOSIO'S KILLING AND THE KILLING LAST YEAR IN GUADALAJARA OF CARDINAL POSADAS. THE PRI'S RECENT ELECTORAL WIN WAS WIDELY SEEN AS A VOTE FOR STABILITY, WHICH THE PRI IS EXPECTED TO DELIVER. THIS NEW KILLING IS LIKELY TO RESULT IN INCREASED CALLS FOR TOUGH ACTIONS BY THE POLICE AND THE GOVERNMENT. THIS INCREASED "TOUGHNESS" WILL HAVE TO BE RECONCILED BOTH BY SALINAS AND HIS SUCCESSOR WITH THE GOAL FOR GREATER DEMOCRATIZATION AND OPENNESS IN AN EFFORT TO HEAL DIVISIONS AT THE ROOT WHILE FIGHTING VIOLENCE EFFECTIVELY. END COMMENT.

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E.O. 12356: DECL/OADR
TAGS: FGOW, SNAR, PHUM, MX
SUBJECT: MURDER OF PRI SECCEN: CONCERNS OVER VIOLENCE REMAIN STRONG

REFS: (A) MEXICO 23289; (B) MEXICO 23303;
(C) MEXICO 23388; (D) MEXICO 23524; (E) MEXICO 23678

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY. CONTINUING REVELATIONS REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRI SECCEN RUIZ MASSIEU ARE FEEDING CONCERNS REGARDING POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN MEXICO. THE MASSIVE POLICE OPERATION UNDERWAY TO TRACK DOWN THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION HAS CALMED SOMEWHAT THESE CONCERNS BUT THEY UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT ZEDILLO'S EARLY CAMPAIGN PLEDGE TO FOCUS ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. END SUMMARY.


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4. CONTINUING REVELATIONS REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF RUIZ MASSIEU ARE FEEDING CONCERNS OVER POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN MEXICO. WITH MEMORIES OF THE SHOOTINGS OF PRI PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE COLOSIO AND CARDINAL POSADAS STILL FRESH IN THE PUBLIC MIND, THIS ASSASSINATION HAS SPARKED FEARS OF FURTHER VIOLENCE AND LED SOME TO ASK IF MEXICO MAY BE HEADING THE WAY OF COLOMBIA TOWARDS OPEN CONFLICT BETWEEN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

5. COMMENT. MUCH OF THIS DEBATE, WE SUSPECT, IS SENSATIONALIZED TO INCREASE RATINGS OR PRESS RUNS. THERE IS LITTLE COMPARISON BETWEEN MEXICO AND COLOMBIA. THE POST-WORLD WAR TWO HISTORY OF COLOMBIA IS CHARACTERIZED BY POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND GUERRILLA WARFARE ON A SCALE FAR BEYOND THAT OF MEXICO. NOR IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE THAT NARCO-TRAFFICKERS HERE HAVE EITHER THE CAPACITY OR THE DESIRE FOR AN ALL-OUT CONFRONTATION WITH THE GOV. NONETHLESS, THE DEGREE OF PUBLIC SPECULATION AND PRIVATE CONCERN SUGGESTS WIDESPREAD DESIRE TO DO WHAT ZEDILLO HAS PLEDGED, NAMELY, CRACK DOWN ON VIOLENCE.

6. THE MASSIVE, AND HIGHLY VISIBLE, POLICE OPERATION TO TRACK DOWN THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION HAS GONE SOME WAY TO CALMING THESE CONCERNS. HOWEVER, THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO DISAPPEAR UNTIL THIS CASE IS SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED AND THE MEXICAN PEOPLE ARE CONVEDED THAT THE INCOMING ZEDILLO ADMINISTRATION WILL ADDRESS ROOT NEEDS FOR REFORM IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND IN BATTLING NARCO-TRAFFICKERS. END COMMENT.

JONES
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October 8, 1994

Lie. Alberto Perez Bias
Commissioner
National Institute of Migration

Thank you for your letter to Ambassador Jones of October 8, 1994, requesting that the Government of the United States initiate deportation proceedings against Mexican citizens Manuel Munoz Rocha and Fernando Rodriguez Gonzalez. The Embassy understands that the individuals mentioned are being sought on the charge of murder by the Government of Mexico.

Actions necessary to place Munoz Rocha and Rodriguez Gonzales in deportation proceedings have been initiated by the INS and FBI. The Embassy will keep you informed of developments.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
David Beall
Charge d'Affaires

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E.O. 12356: DECL/OADR
TAGS: PGOV, PREL, MX

SUBJECT: RUIZ MASSIEU RESIGNS AND ACCUSES PRI PRESIDENT OF INVOLVEMENT IN KILLING OF HIS BROTHER

 Herrera: Mexico 27029

1. (U) MEXICAN FEDERAL DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL MARIO RUIZ MASSIEU RESIGNED NOVEMBER 23, RUIZ MASSIEU SAID THE RULING INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRI) IS HINDERING HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF HIS BROTHER, FORMER PRI SECRETARY JOSE FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSIEU, AND ACCUSED PRI PRESIDENT IGNACIO PICHARDO OF HAVING TIES TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIME AND OF BEING IN A "DARK CONSPIRACY" WITH THEM.


3. (C) COMMENT. RUIZ MASSIEU'S PUBLIC RESIGNATION DEEPENS THE RIFT BETWEEN HIM AND THE PRI THAT PRESIDENT SALINAS ATTEMPTED TO CLOSE LAST WEEK (REFTEL). WITHOUT PUBLICLY OFFERING ANY NEW EVIDENCE LINKING PRI OFFICIALS

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TO HIS BROTHER'S MURDER, RUIZ MASSIEU'S DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT MADE EXPLICIT HIS VIEW THAT PRI MEMBERS NOT ONLY COVERED UP THE CRIME BUT WERE SOMEHOW INVOLVED, AT THE VERY LEAST, WITH THOSE WHO PLANNED IT. COMING JUST DAYS BEFORE SALINAS LEAVES OFFICE, RUIZ MASSIEU'S MOVE REFLECTS HIS PERSONAL ANGER THAT HIS BROTHER'S DEATH HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED AND AN APPARENT CONVICTION THAT THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION WILL NOT DO SO.

4. (C) OPPOSITION LEADERS HAD EARLIER SUPPORTED RUIZ MASSIEU AFTER HIS FIRST ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE PRI. THEY ARE LIKELY TO JOIN IN THEIR DEPUTIES' DEMANDS THAT RUIZ MASSIEU REMAIN IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION, BUT AT THE MOMENT, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR SALINAS OR ZEDILLO TO LEAVE RUIZ MASSIEU IN CHARGE OF AN INVESTIGATION THAT HE HAS A LARGE EMOTIONAL STAKE IN RESOLVING. IN ANY CASE, THE RUIZ MASSIEU MURDER IS NOT LIKELY TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE ZEDILLO TAKES OFFICE NEXT WEEK, AND THIS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT MAY FORCE ZEDILLO TO PUT THE CASE HIGH ON HIS AGENDA. WHO ZEDILLO APPOINTS ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SPECIAL PROSECUTOR WILL BE STRONG EARLY INDICATIONS OF HIS DETERMINATION TO FAIRLY INVESTIGATE THE CASE. PUBLIC OPINION ALREADY VIEWS THE RUIZ MASSIEU MURDER AS A OPEN WOUND IN THE PRI AND AN INDICTMENT OF THE RULING PARTY'S COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE. ZEDILLO WILL BE CHALLENGED TO CLOSE THE RIFT AND REFUTE SUCH CRITICISM. END COMMENT. BEALL.
Señores de los diferentes medios de comunicación.

En estas horas de dolor e insertidumbre, he tomado la decisión de enfrentarme junto con mis hijos, con toda entereza a las consecuencias de los hechos lamentables (todavía no esclarecidos) en los cuales se involucra a mi esposo el Diputado Federal Manuel Muñoz Rocha.

En medio de esta gran pena que me embarga, entiendo el interés de la sociedad en general y muy especialmente de los diferentes medios de comunicación, por conocer el desarrollo de los acontecimientos.

Quiero decirles que los motivos que me han impedido responderles, son dos muy importantes y que tengo la absoluta confianza que ustedes me comprenderán.

1.- Vivo con mi familia los momentos más difíciles de mi vida un suceso que ha puesto a prueba mi voluntad, mi fe y que me tiene profundamente afligida y consternada.

2.- Poco podría aportar en lo personal para el esclarecimiento de los hechos a los que hago referencia, por una razón

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Elemental, desconozco todo esto y no he tenido contacto con mi esposo desde el martes 27 de septiembre.

Quiero dejar constancia que apesar de lo anterior, estoy en la mejor disposición de colaborar con las autoridades afín de poder llegar a la verdad de todo esto.

Quiero agradecer publicamente al Sr. Dr. Humberto Benitez, Procurador General de la República y a sus colaboradores el empeño que están poniendo en el esclarecimiento de los hechos y lo cual enaltece, la función pública que desempeñan.

Estoy en Ciudad Victoria con mis hijos, mi familia, enfrentando este momento, atenta a su desarrollo y dispuesta a servir si las autoridades lo consideran pertinente.

Agradezco cariñosamente a todos los amigos que me han brindado su apoyo con sus oraciones, las necesito, se que Dios es el único que me puede dar valor y fuerza para seguir adelante, l Gracias amigos.

A ti Manuel, si en algún lugar te estas enterando de esta carta, quiero decirte que te queremos mucho tus hijos y yo y también invitarte a que te presentes ante las autoridades que han ofrecido otorgarte la seguridad y las garantías indispensables.

Creo en nuestro régimen legal y tengo una gran fe en dios nuestro Señor, para que nos infunda fortaleza y que con su voluntad divina, la verdad finalmente resplandezca y se abra paso a la justicia.

Por último, señores, quiero decirles que entiendo su trabajo y quisiera poder apoyarlos, para la mejor realización de éste, pero también les pido su comprensión en estos momentos tan difíciles por los cuales estoy pasando.

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Muchas gracias

María C. de Muñoz
La Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores saluda atentamente a la Embajada de los Estados Unidos de América, y tiene el honor de referirse al Tratado de Extradición suscrito entre los Estados Unidos Mexicanos y los Estados Unidos de América para solicitar el gobierno de vuestra Excelencia, con fundamento en los artículos 1, 2 y en particular con base en el artículo 11 y en el numeral 1 de su Apendice el tratado en mención, la detención provisional con fines de extradición de MANUEL MUÑOZ ROCHA, a quien las autoridades mexicanas reclaman por su probable responsabilidad en la comisión del delito de HOMICIDIO.

Sobre el particular la Procuraduría General de la República manifiesta que en contra del reclamado, la Juez Décimo Segundo de Distrito en Materia Penal del Distrito Federal, Olga Estrever Escamilla libró orden de aprehensión el 7 de octubre de 1994, en la causa penal auxiliar 71/94, por su probable responsabilidad en la comisión del mencionado delito, previsto y sancionado por los artículos 302, 303 y 307 del Código Penal del Distrito Federal en materia del Fueron Común y para toda la República en Materia Federal.

La urgencia de presentar esta petición se justifica en el hecho de que el reclamado se encuentra localizable en la ciudad de Brownsville, Texas de ese país.

El delito que se imputa a MANUEL MUÑOZ ROCHA está previsto y sancionado en los artículos 302, 303 y 307 del Código Penal citado, que disponen lo siguiente:

"Art 302.- Comete el delito de homicidio: el que priva de la vida a otro.

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"Art. 303.- Para la aplicación de las sanciones que correspondan al que infrinja el artículo anterior, no se tendrá como mortal una lesión, sino cuando se verifiquen las tres circunstancias siguientes:

I. Que la muerte se deba a las alteraciones causadas por la lesión en el órgano u órganos interesados, alguna de sus consecuencias inmediatas o alguna complicación determinada por la misma lesión y que no pudo combatirse, ya sea por ser incurable, ya por no tenerse al alcance los recursos necesarios;

II. (Derogada);

III. Que si se encuentra el cadáver del occiso, declaren dos peritos después de hacer la autopsia, cuando ésta sea necesaria, que la lesión fue morta, sujetándose para ello a las reglas contenidas en este artículo, en los dos siguientes y en el Código de Procedimientos Penales.

"Cuando el cadáver no se encuentre, o por otro motivo no se haga la autopsia, bastará que los peritos, en vista de los datos que obren en la causa, declaren que la muerte fue resultado de las lesiones inferidas.

"Art. 307.- Al responsable de cualquier homicidio simple, intencional que no tenga señalada una sanción especial en este Código, se le impondrán de ocho a veinte años de presión."

Conforme lo establece el artículo 11 del Tratado aplicable a continuación se proporciona la fotografía y la medición de la faltación del reclamado.
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BACKGROUND


MR. "TEN-PERCENT"

2. (C) COMMENT: BEFORE HIS ARREST RAUL SALINAS WAS KNOWN AS "MR. 10 PERCENT" BECAUSE OF HIS ALLEGED PRACTICE OF TAKING COMMISSIONS ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS. HE WAS ALSO ALLEGED TO HAVE USED HIS TIES TO THE PRESIDENT TO OBTAIN INSIDER INFORMATION ON UPCOMING SALES OF STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES. IT IS INTERESTING THAT CHAPA DID NOT MENTION A MOTIVE FOR THE CRIME. RUMORS ABOUND AS TO MOTIVES: A FAMILY FEUD (RUIZ MASSIÉU HAD BEEN MARRIED TO SALINAS' SISTER), SOUR BUSINESS DEALINGS, POWER (APPARENTLY RAUL RESENTED RUIZ MASSIÉU'S CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENT, WHILE HE, RAUL, WAS KEPT AT A DISTANCE FROM HIS BROTHER BECAUSE OF HIS QUESTIONABLE ACTIVITIES). ODDLY ENOUGH, IDEOLOGY IS NOT OFTEN MENTIONED AS A PRIMARY MOTIVE. WE AWAITS REPERCUSSIONS FROM TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT; FOR STARTERS, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THOSE WHO HAD DEFENDED PAST GOM/PGR EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE, INCLUDING PRI PRESIDENT MARIA DE LOS ANGELES MORENO, WERE "REASSIGNED."

ZEDILLO SHOWS HE IS COMMITTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

3. (C) ZEDILLO'S ACTION IN ARRESTING SALINAS IS
UNPRECEDENTED IN A COUNTRY WHERE THE MASSES ACCEPT IMPUNITY BY THE ELITE AS A SAD FACT OF LIFE.
HAVING PROMISED THAT NO ONE IN MEXICO IS ABOVE THE LAW, ZEDILLO TODAY SHOWED THAT HE IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAM -- LEAD BY OPPOSITION NATIONAL ACTION PARTY MEMBER ANTONIO LOZANO GRACIA -- AND TO THE RULE OF LAW.
BY TAKING DECISIVE ACTION (IN AN EERILY SIMILAR WAY TO HIS PREDECESSOR, WHO ARRESTED THE COUNTRY'S TOP LABOR LEADER ON CORRUPTION CHARGES SHORTLY AFTER TAKING OFFICE IN 1988), ZEDILLO MAY HAVE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP IN BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN HIS ADMINISTRATION, DEPENDING, OF COURSE, ON HOW GOOD THE EVIDENCE IS AND PROVIDED THAT HE CAN MAKE THE CHARGES STICK. (NOTE: ELATION OVER WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE IMMINENT ARREST OF SUBCOMMANDANTE MARCOS DISSIPATED QUICKLY WHEN IT TURNED OUT THE FEBRUARY 9 ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PREMATURE. END NOTE.) ZEDILLO UNDERSTANDS WHAT IS AT STAKE; SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CHAPA MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES DURING HIS STATEMENT THAT HE COULD NOT HAVE DONE WHAT HE DID WITHOUT THE PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT AND BACKING. IF NOTHING ELSE, TODAY'S ACTION IS LIKELY TO BE A TURNING POINT IN MEXICAN HISTORY IN THAT NEVER BEFORE HAS A PRESIDENT'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER BEEN ARRESTED. IT IS ALSO LIKELY TO STRENGTHEN ZEDILLO'S HAND AS HE SEeks TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS IN CHIAPAS AND TO KEEP THE NATION UNITED AS HE NAVIGATES THE ROUGH ECONOMIC WATERS AHEAD.
FINALLY, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HIS PARTY ALSO STANDS TO BENEFIT FROM TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT, AGAIN PROVIDED THAT THE EVIDENCE IS GOOD AND THE CHARGES STICK. ONE PRI INSIDER TOLD US SHORTLY AFTER CHAPA'S STATEMENT THAT HIS PARTY HAD RESIGNED ITSELF TO LOSING THE MAY 28 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS IN YUCATAN AND GUANAJUATO TO THE PAN.
END COMMENT.

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and then I'll rule.

(A recess is taken.)

(Proceedings resume.)

THE COURT: This is the application of the United States pursuant to a treaty between the United States and the Republic of Mexico, to extradite to the Republic of Mexico the Respondent here, Mario Ruiz Massieu, for offenses charged under Fraction 7 of Article 225 of the Mexican Penal Code. As an initial matter, I must address the question of subject matter jurisdiction.

The subject matter jurisdiction of this Court derives from 18 United States Code, Section 3184. This Court is authorized to conduct extradition proceedings by the local rules of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. See general Rule 40.

Moreover, it is not contested, and I am satisfied that a valid extradition treaty exists between the United States and the Republic of Mexico. Accordingly, subject matter jurisdiction lies.

Second, with regard to personal jurisdiction.

Personal jurisdiction over Respondent in an extradition proceeding is a function of his having been found within the jurisdiction. 18 United States Code, Section 3184. "The word 'found' should not be read as the past tense of 'find,' but rather, should be read as being synonymous with 'present' and..."
the phrase thus would be read as 'present within his jurisdiction.' In Re Sindona, 584 F. Supp. 1437, 1445 (Southern District of New York 1984). See Shapiro v. Ferrandina, 478 F.2d 894, 899 (Second Circuit), cert. dismissed, 414 United States 884 (1973).

I'm satisfied based on my review of the pleadings, that the Respondent was found within the State of New Jersey and within the jurisdiction of this Court. The Respondent was arrested in New Jersey, and is appropriate before me. Therefore, personal jurisdiction exists as to the Respondent.

The next question to address is the dual criminality requirement argued so strongly by the United States and the Respondent. As noted previously, I am satisfied that a valid treaty exists between the United States and the Republic of Mexico. I am also satisfied that the offense with which the Respondent is charged, a violation of Fraction 7 of Article 225, is within the offenses subject to extradition under the Treaty. Therefore, I will proceed to a review under the dual criminality requirement.

The principle of dual criminality requires "that the offense for which a person is extradited must be punishable as such under the laws of both the requesting and the requested nation...."

Shapiro versus Ferrandina, Supra. 478 F.2d at 906-07.

Note 12. The dual criminality requirement as described by...
Supreme Court in *Collins vs. Loisel*, 259 United States 309, (1922), is such that dual criminality, "does not require that the name by which the crime is described in the two countries shall be the same; nor that the scope of the liability shall be coextensive, or, in other respects, the same in the two countries. It is enough if the particular act charged is criminal in both jurisdictions." 259 United States at 312.

Both federal and state law may be considered to determine the existence of offenses analogous to those for which a foreign state seeks extradition. *Messaia vs. United States;* 728 F.2d 77, 79-80, (Second Circuit 1984). "The offenses of the two countries must be substantially analogous, but they need not be identical. The scope of liability need not be coextensive and the elements of the crime do not have to perfectly match." *In Re Extradition of Bruskinowski, 574 F. Supp. 1439, 1446,* (Eastern District of North Carolina, 1983).

Were I writing on a clean slate and had I only been informed of the text of Fraction 7 of Article 225, and 18 United States Code, Section 1512, I would conclude that dual criminality has not been established. *Fraction 7 of Article 225 provides: "The following crimes when committed by public servants constitute an obstruction of justice:"

"To perform acts or incur in omissions causing injury or giving undue benefit to anyone."

I've had the opportunity to hear the testimony of the
experts offered by the Respondent. I have also had the benefit
of the English translation of the Amaro secured by the
Respondent in Mexico.

I am satisfied that the gravamen and the essential
element under both 1512(b), of Title 18, and Fraction 7 of
Article 225, is obstruction of justice rather than as suggested
and relied on, by the Respondent, first, a specific
demonstration of some omissions which cause injury or give
undue benefit to anyone; or also as suggested by the
Respondent, Fraction 7 simply being an offense which may be
committed only by a judicial officer in Mexico.

I do not construe "public servants" as used in the
introduction to Article 225 to require that. I am satisfied
that Fraction 7 merely states one example or one means by which
justice can be obstructed in Mexico.

Certainly, there is testimony here which, if accepted,
would demonstrate that the Respondent performed acts which
caused injury to various persons, or which gave an undue
benefit to a third person, and therefore I'm satisfied that
dual criminality has been established between Fraction 7,
Article 225, and 18 United States Code, Section 1512(b)(1),
which provides, "Whoever intentionally harasses another person
and thereby hinders, delays, prevents or dissuades any person
from

(1) attending or testifying in an official proceeding.

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or attempts to do so, shall be fined not more than $25,000, or
imprisoned for a particular period of time. And I believe the
term and the dollar amount have been modified.

Therefore, I am satisfied that dual criminality
exists.

I am also satisfied that the Respondent is the person
sought by the Republic of Mexico. The testimony of the
Respondent's own witness, an attorney who represented him in
the Amparo proceeding in Mexico, establishes without doubt his
identity.

The question then becomes one of probable cause.

I have described in an opinion written In Re,
Extradition of Singh, 124 F.R.D. 108 (District of New Jersey,
1987), the nature of extradition proceedings. Suffice it to
say, as reflected at pages 110 and 111 of that opinion, that an
extradition proceeding is sui generis, that proofs are limited
and the like. And I will not repeat all that here.

I do though think it appropriate to comment on the
nature of the evidence presented here. I have been liberal in
allowing the Respondent to make arguments and to present
evidence. And I have done so for the very reason that the
submissions presented by the United States here include the
Respondent's own statement in which he denies the charges
against him. That, in my judgment, opened the door to allow

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deemed to be contradictory.

I am also satisfied that it is within my power as the presiding judicial officer here to require the United States to have made additional presentations to me. I certainly did so with regard to the earlier affidavits of the various individuals who directly implicated the Respondent. I did so for the purpose of illuminating or making a determination as to the credibility and reliability of those affiants.

And in that regard, turning to credibility and reliability, I had occasion to address that matter in another opinion written in Re The Extradition of Singh, appearing at one 124 F.R.D. 571, (DNJ 1987), in which I concluded that reliability and credibility of an affiant should be determined and indeed may be determined based on the contents of the affiant's affidavit, and in the contents of the submissions made by the Government seeking extradition, here, the Republic of Mexico.

I then turn to the definition of "probable cause."

Probable cause was described and discussed by the United States Supreme Court in Illinois v. Gates, 462, United States 211, (1983). In Gates, the Supreme Court observed that probable cause, or at least the definition of probable cause is a fluid one, and that a determination must be made in the totality of the circumstances to determine whether there is a fair probability that at least in this context the Respondent is the
person who has committed or has committed the offenses with
which he has been charged by Mexico.

Having defined probable cause, having reviewed the
various other elements which the United States must make, and
having been satisfied the United States has met those elements,
I now turn to a discussion of probable cause based on the
evidence presented.

This extradition proceeding has been a cautionary tale
of corruption, corruption based on power. If I accept the
submissions of the United States, the corruption runs from the
family of a former president of Mexico, and indeed possibly to
a former president of Mexico, to a relative of the president,
to one of the top law enforcement officials in Mexico, down
through a chain of federal prosecutors, and finally down to
federal judicial police.

The Respondent suggests, in the original statements of
the affiants — whose credibility I will discuss later —
suggests corruption running through the House of Delegates and
PRI, the Mexican premier political party. This is also a
cautionsary tale of corruption based on money. Money perhaps,
running from the office of the president of the Republic of
Mexico, or from a convicted felon, or based on very vague
suggestions from drug traffickers.

In addition to raising serious problems or questions,
with regard to corruption, it also leads me to question the

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role of the police here. There is certainly evidence which the
United States suggests I accept, that one police chief actually
went so far as to supply the weapons used in the assassination
here. The record is voluminous and includes statements of many
made before prosecutors and before courts in Mexico.

I am satisfied, based indeed on the statements made by
the Respondent before the Mexican Attorney General on March 2,
1995, that it is normal in Mexico for prosecutors to conduct
initial investigations and thereafter to do some type of
submission to the Mexican court, at which point the Mexican
court engages in an inquisitorial process as opposed to the
accusatory process of the United States in a common law country
for the purpose of arriving at questions or deciding questions
of guilt or innocence.

Other statements have been provided by the United
States at my request. As noted previously, those questions
were sought by me for the purpose of illuminating the
determinations of credibility and reliability which I must
make.

The underlying event here is the assassination of Jose
Francisco Ruiz Massieu on September 28, 1994. The actual
assassins Daniel Aguilar Trevino, and with him, Carlos Cantu
 Narvaez.

On or after the date of the assassination the
Respondent spoke with the then current President of the
Republic of Mexico, Carlos Salinas and the PRI presidential
candidate, Mr. Zedillo, who is now the President of Mexico, and
assumed responsibility for investigation into the
assassination.

Contrary to the suggestion of the United States, I
draw no adverse inference from that conversation that the
Respondent had with Mr. Salinas and Mr. Zedillo.

The Respondent testified to his role in the Attorney
General’s office in Mexico, to his responsibility in various
matters, and to the fact that he was a logical person to
conduct the assassination investigation along the lines
suggested here.

I do note, and my recollection is that Jose Ruiz
Massieu, in addition to having been a presidential candidate,
was also the secretary general or general secretary of PRI at
the time. Certainly, that was an event which was of
consequence in Mexico. Certainly the need for some central
investigation within the Attorney General’s office is logical
and entirely consistent to me.

The assassination itself led to a number of arrests on
or after September 28th, including that of Aguilar Trevino.

Turning to the original statements of September and
October of 1994. Many of the statements are in the record, but
there are only a number of statements of these individuals or
of any individuals who directly implicate the Respondent. And
in large part these are statements of those who participated in
the conspiracy to commit the assassination. Fernando, Jorge
and Marco Antonio Rodriguez Gonzalez, were, as noted in the
colloquy that I had with Mr. Rivas previously, the actual
actors in the assassination. Jorge and Marco Antonio were
approached by Fernando to procure the actual assassins.
Certainly Fernando had a leading role in the assassination.
Another accuser, Abraham Rubio Canales was in prison at the
time for a conviction of fraud.
All of the original statements lead to Munoz Rocha, a
member of the Mexican House of Delegates and who may, depending
on who is to be believed, be either dead or in hiding.
Obviously, the suggestion in the record was made that Munoz
Rocha arranged for certain materials to be available in an
attempt to enter the United States after the assassination.
A central figure in the plot, as suggested by me
previously, is Fernando Rodriguez Gonzalez, a political crony
of Munoz Rocha.
The original statements of Fernando Gonzalez, Jorge
and Marco Antonio are all very detailed and consistent as to
the planning and conducting of the assassination. All
implicated themselves in the plot to commit the murder. That
alone raises questions of credibility and reliability in my
mind.
I understand that all governments, including the
Government of Mexico and the Government of the United States, must take witnesses as they are. Evil people must often become government witnesses for the simple fact that those people are necessary to enable governments to secure convictions of others. But the cold-blooded nature in which this assassination was planned and the like, and the detail to which attempts were made to engage in the assassination certainly raise doubts in my mind as to the believability, at all, of any of these individuals.

In addition to implicating themselves and Munoz-Rocha, the Gonzalez brothers implicate at least one named and other unnamed members of the House of Delegates. The theory advanced originally in these statements was that Munoz-Rocha sought to eliminate Jose Francisco to further his political career, and that there was some “group” that wanted to eliminate Jose Francisco because he was the Secretary General of the PRI and was proposing structural reforms which would affect them either within the party or perhaps within the House of Delegates.

Rubio Canales suggested in his original statement that Jose Francisco was assassinated in retaliation for anti-drug activities of the Respondent.

It certainly is confusing and unexplained in the original statements as to why there was a “hit list” which at the least consisted of a supposed attempt to assassinate the governor of Tamaulipas and the PRI coordinator for that state.
What is also left unanswered is the implication that drug traffickers were somehow involved.

Was there any corroboration for the original statements?

Javier Arunbo Lagunas, a federal prosecutor, is identified in the original statement of Abraham Rubio Canales as an attending witness. Mr. Arunbo Lagunas acknowledged in a March 1995 statement that he was present for at least part of the Rubio Canales statement, and that thereafter he was asked to execute a statement, and that the circumstances under which he was asked to do so were irregular. Just a statement he saw was irregular. However, he also stated in March, 1995 that there were no irregularities in the taking of the original statement.

Ruth Rodríguez Gamboa in her statement referred to the depositions of unnamed federal representatives or named federal representatives. This suggests some investigation involving members of the House of Delegates, although the record does not include any statements that I can find, and none were apparently presented to the Mexican court. Every other statement taken appears to have been so presented, other than an original statement of Aguilar Trevino. And I do have a summary, but I do not have an original.

A March statement of Rubio Canales includes a denial of a charge by an attorney, Marcos Bustamente Altamirano, that
Rubio Canales apparently had some funds available to him. The original statements of the various people accused in the assassination included an allegation that Rubio Canales had helped to fund the assassination somewhat.

The Respondent, both in his March 2nd statement and before this Court, stated that there had been opposition to his application to strip Munoz Rocha of his legislative immunity. That opposition, which was not contradicted by the Government, apparently came from someone within the House of Delegates itself and PRI; all of which tend to substantiate the original statements to the effect that members of the House of Delegates may have had some involvement here.

Is there any evidence of torture in the original statements?

Each affiant identified an attorney that represented him. It is significant to me that in the voluminous literature submitted to the Mexican court and submitted to me there was no one statement from an attorney confirming any of the later allegations made. I understand that the Mexican Government may present whatever evidence it chooses, I understand that the Mexican Government has no obligation to make a trial presentation to me. But I find it, as I said, very significant that there was apparently no inquiry made as to the attesting witnesses, or as to people who were present who supposedly represented these individuals in the original statements.
There is also nothing specific in the record as to any medical examinations which apparently were to have been conducted before any statement was taken. The record does not include an original statement of Aguilar Trevino, the actual assassin. The record does include a statement of Alejandro Roman, the prosecutor who took the statement of Trevino shortly after his arrest. That prosecutor, it is noted in the Roman statement, was accused of torture by Alejandro Roman. No original statement by Trevino, an allegation torture. What am I to infer to this?

Can I infer that no one was tortured, or that everyone involved in the assassination was tortured on arrest?

Assuming I accept the proofs submitted by the United States, all the members of the conspiracy, except perhaps Trevino, who were arrested and charged in the assassination, were tortured.

In my colloquy with Mr. Rivas, I noted that I would not take into consideration whether or not the Mexican Government took subsequent action with regard to anyone, either to exonerate anyone, to prosecute anyone, or to convict anyone.

It is significant to me, however, that the United States presented statements which were procured under torture and asks me to accept some of the statements and reject some of the statements.

I have a hard time separating one statement resulting

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from torture from another, and I cannot in good conscience do so. It shocks my conscience that anything is presented to me on the basis of torture whatsoever.

In November of 1994 the Respondent resigned as the Deputy Attorney General and also resigned from PRI. At that point the Respondent went into opposition, if you will, which led up to the publication of a political tract, "I Accuse," in February of 1995.

Between September and February and March of 1995, the original participants in the conspiracy were tried and convicted. Sentences appear to be in the area of 50 years, and these are all on appeal, from my understanding of the submission made by the United States.

In the context of the above, the Respondent's opposition to the Government allegations of misconduct and investigation by him of Jose Francisco's assassination, and in the face of convictions, an investigation is reopened into the assassination in early 1995, and those convicted now accuse the Respondent of having been involved in a cover-up.

These individuals said that there were no counsel in the individual statements. That, in itself, is inconsistent with the original statements, and as I noted before, there is absolutely nothing from anyone who might have been present in that regard.

All say that through the mechanism of the unavailable...
Munoz Rocha that Raul Salinas was implicated in the assassination. The only objective evidence I see in the record may come from Fernando's statement that he observed Munoz Rocha and Raul at a political event in early 1995 and followed them.

This was presumably an open event. It appears to me from Fernando's statement it was an open event. There is absolutely no objective corroboration in the record as to any type of meeting between Munoz Rocha and Raul at this political event in March, although I do acknowledge, as Mr. Rivas states, that during the confrontation there certainly was some question or some doubt as to when, or whether Raul did meet Munoz Rocha at any time within the past several years.

The statements made by the Respondent are that the Respondent visited them and told them not to mention the visit. The original statement of Jorge refers to the Respondent, and that Jorge was apparently shown a statement, a photograph of the Respondent by the conspirators to distinguish him from Jose Francisco. Jorge's statement also recounts a statement by Fernando that Munoz Rocha would block any investigation by the Respondent.

I find it incredible to believe that anyone who was just threatened by the Respondent would then turn around and make specific statements about the Respondent.

Why did Rubio Canales refer to the Respondent? Why did Rubio Canales raise the involvement of drug traffickers?
when others supposedly were told to implicate politicians?

Fernando, who asserted his innocence on November 25, 1994, alleges that he was visited by the Respondent, and that the Respondent told him to "invent a story."

Why would there be such a direction if Fernando had been arrested some two weeks after his brother Jorge had been arrested, after Rubio Canales had been arrested, and who, according to Ms. Rivas' version, already had been told and already had been given instructions as to what to do?

Who made what recommendations to Fernando?

Were recommendations made to him by Munoz Rocha? Were recommendations made to him by Rubio Canales -- or I'm sorry, -- was a recommendation made by him, not by Rubio Canales, or by the Respondent?

Why would the Respondent recommend to Fernando that Canales was innocent?

I appreciate the argument of the United States that once the Respondent implicates an individual, or tells Fernando to implicate an individual he then turns around and says, by the way, Canales did nothing. I cannot accept that. I cannot draw the inference that the United States would have me draw.

The allegation of the Government is that Munoz Rocha and Raul Salinas collaborated in a plot to conduct an assassination. If they were so close, and if the Respondent was involved in a cover-up from the beginning, why would the
defendant so prominently identify Munoz Rocha? Why not instruct him to keep the role of Munoz Rocha secret? Indeed, if it was publicly known that Munoz Rocha and Raul were connected, why refer to Munoz Rocha?

There does not appear to be that much of a secret that Raul Salinas may have had some connection with Munoz Rocha. Proofs demonstrate knowledge of a possible connection between Munoz Rocha and Raul did exist. It apparently was suggested by the press, and, according to Ruth Gamboa, by certain federal representatives in their statements. The Respondent did interview Raul twice.

I agree with the United States that they were perfunctory interviews. I agree with the United States that they could be consistent with an attempt to cover the tracks, if you will. But taken as a whole, none of it makes sense to me.

What are the circumstances under which the Respondent left Mexico?

The Respondent was interviewed by the attorney general's office on March 2nd. That afternoon the Respondent paid for airline tickets and left with his family to Canada or possibly to Spain. In this regard I find the Respondent to be incredible. I'm satisfied that the Respondent did flee Mexico after he was investigated. The question is whether he fled Mexico to avoid prosecution, or persecution, and in that regard
I will not consider any motives of the Government of Mexico.

What determination should I make as to the credibility
and reliability of the affiants before me?

It is totally unexplained by the United States why
Fernando would make a statement on November 25th, after the
Respondent had resigned, in which he was -- he stated that he
was supposedly pressured not to implicate Raul but to implicate:
high-ranking Mexican Army officials. Why would the Respondent
be protected through all this period of time after he left
office?

The United States suggests that nothing was done until
March of 1995, because none of these people who were serving 50-
year terms in prison had an interest in coming to the new
administration and implicating someone.

Again, I cannot accept that. As I said before, and
with all due respects to the inference that the United States
would have me draw with regard to Filiberto Chellas Cortes, I
find it to be totally incredible. I cannot and I will not
accept a statement of someone who, without the coercion
suggested by the United States of torture simply decides to
perjure himself to assist a family member.

The affiants here who directly implicate the Defendant
were all convicted of participating in a cold-blooded murder
plot. At least one of them offered four versions of events.
Fernando went from the involvement of Mexican political
officials, to innocence, to Mexican -- to involvement of
Mexican Army officials, and then to involvement of the
Respondent.

The totality of the circumstances here are such that I
find to be incredible and unreliable many of the statements
taken. I have severe difficulties in accepting any statement
taken by any individual when that statement is taken as a
result of torture. I have problems when one person creates
several versions of events. I have problems with the
investigation being conducted under the circumstances presented
here to me.

For all these reasons, I am not satisfied that there
is a fair probability that the Respondent committed the
offenses with which he is charged, and therefore I decline to
execute the certificate of extraditability, and I will dismiss
the Complaint against the Respondent.

We'll take a fifteen minute break and then we will
address bail on the remaining charges.

(A recess is taken.)

(Proceedings resume.)

THE COURT: Ms. Fleming, I assume you have an
application with regard to bail?

MS. FLEMING: That's correct, your Honor. I hate to
push my luck --.

THE COURT: Go ahead.
MS. FLEMING: -- but I've been known to do that in the past.

Your Honor, I would suggest -- we've had bail hearings and bail conferences, and the Court is well aware of the standard. I would suggest that the Court's findings on this initial extradition request would constitute a special circumstance. Your Honor, I've had an opportunity now to read the new embezzlement charges, and I understand we will be in a proceeding and we will be arguing about them. They are even more ridiculous than the current extradition that your Honor just ruled on.

THE COURT: Ms. Fleming, I didn't make any determination that the extradition was ridiculous. My determination was that probable cause was lacking. So let's understand what we're talking about.

MS. FLEMING: I will suggest on the next one there are not even -- if every allegation is accepted as true, it does not even suggest that a crime has been committed.

THE COURT: We've been through this before when you made your first argument with regard to special circumstances, you stood up and told me that. And I will make to you the response that I made before without hearing from the United States: I am not going to consider the merits of the embezzlement charges now, and I will not give you the benefit of any inferences with regard to the embezzlement charges.
MS. FLEMING: I would just request, Judge, that given
the circumstances, given the security concerns, given the fact
that we are willing to submit to any conditions at all agreed
to by the Court and by the Government, including security
guards that would be paid for by us and picked by the
Government, we would request that your Honor give bail.

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Rivas, I've already said
that I will not consider the contents of the embezzlement
charge. What's the position of the United States with regard
to bail?

MR. RIVAS: Unalterably opposed, your Honor. There's
no special circumstance--the fact that they've prevailed on
this particular issue does not constitute a special
circumstance. We've briefed the issue, we've gone over the
case law on this matter. The Court is well familiar the case
law does not provide that under these circumstances the
Respondent is entitled to bail. The circumstance under which
this individual is found here raises concerns of flight and
fugitive, and under those circumstances the Government opposes
bail.

THE COURT: I have already discussed with the United
States and the Respondent on the initial bail application the
governing law, and I see no need to do that again. I have
rejected, and I will again reject for the purpose of the
ruling, the suggestion of the Respondent that the embezzlement
charges brought against the Respondent lack merit. That is a matter to address during the extradition proceeding, not at this juncture.

The Respondent suggests that my conclusion as to lack of probable cause constitutes a special circumstance.

I disagree. I made a determination based on the Complaint before me, on the application of the United States to extradite the Respondent for a violation of Fraction 7 of Article 225 of the Mexican Penal Code. I must make now a separate determination as to the embezzlement charge, and I will not give the lack of probable cause on one charge any weight with regard to a later determination that needs to be made.

With regard to circumstances under which the Defendant -- the Respondent might be released, I have found, and I repeat that finding here, that the Defendant, the Respondent fled Mexico. I am satisfied, given the circumstances of his arrest here in New Jersey, that he was attempting to leave the United States to go to another country. I have nothing before me to indicate that if the Defendant were released he would simply remain in the United States to face these charges and possible extradition. And I would, emphasis that although I made a probable cause determination here in favor of the Respondent, I certainly may not do so with regard to another charge pending on another day. There are security

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UNCLAS MEXICO 023302

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Alan Flanigan, Senior Reviewer

JUSTICE FOR AG RENO

E.O. 12356: DECL/ODR
TAGS: PGOV, PHUM, MX
SUBJECT: PRI SECCEN SHOT AND KILLED SEPT. 28

REF: MEXICO 23289

1. (U) PRI SECRETARY GENERAL JOSE FRANCISCO RUIZ
MASEGUI WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT 10:30 AM LOCAL
TIME ON SEPT. 28. HE HAD BEEN SHOT AT ABOUT 9:22
AM LOCAL TIME IN MEXICO CITY (REFTEL). HE WAS
ADMITTED TO THE SPANISH HOSPITAL AT 10:06 AND WAS
RUSHED, WITHOUT A PULSE, TO SURGERY. HE HAD BEEN
SHOT BY A 9MM PISTOL AT CLOSE RANGE ON THE LEFT
SIDE OF THE NECK. THE BULLET ENTERED HIS BODY ON
A DOWNWARD TRAJECTORY AND CAUSED A MASSIVE
HEMORRAGE. HIS BROTHER, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY
GENERAL MARIO RUIZ MASSUE, ANNOUNCED THE DEATH.

2. (U) ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY REPORTS, THE
GUNMAN -- WHO IS IN CUSTODY -- IS A MALE, ABOUT
30 YEARS OLD, NAMED JOSE ROBERTO ORTEGA.
PRESIDENT SALINAS MADE A BRIEF PUBLIC STATEMENT
EXPLAINING SYMPATHY FOR THE RUIZ FAMILY AND
NOTING THAT THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
(PROCURADURIA GENERAL DE LA REPUBLICA) AND THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE FEDERAL DISTRICT
(PROCURADURIA GENERAL DE JUSTICIA DEL DISTRITO
FEDERAL) HAVE OPENED AN INVESTIGATION.
PRESIDENT-ELECT ZEDILLO ALSO MADE A STATEMENT,
CHARACTERIZING THE ASSASSINATION "AN ATTACK AGAINST ALL MEXICANS" AND CALLING FOR THE CRIME TO BE INVESTIGATED THOROUGHLY.

3. (U) PRD PARTY PRESIDENT PORFIRIO MUNOZ LEDO MADE A STATEMENT CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND CALLING FOR A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION WHICH WOULD CLARIFY THE NATURE OF THIS CRIME. MUNOZ LEDO ADDED THAT THIS ACT SHOULD PERSUADE MEXICANS TO FAVOR PEACEFUL MEANS TO ACHIEVE DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION.

4. (U) WE EXPECT THAT THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AROUND 1:30 PM LOCAL TIME. JONES BT #3302
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CONFIDENTIAL MEXICO 023388

JUSTICE FOR AG RENO

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PGOV, PHUM, MX
SUBJECT: MURDER OF PRI SEGEN: INVESTIGATION
- UNDERWAY

REFS: (A) MEXICO 23289; (B) MEXICO 23303

1. (U) THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
(PROCURADURIA GENERAL DE LA REPUBLICA) ANNOUNCED
AT A SEPT. 28 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE GUNMAN
THAT SHOT PRI SEGEN JOSE FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSIEU
IS NAMED JOEL OR HECTOR RESENDIZ (PHONETIC) -- NOT
JOSE ROBERTO ORTEGA, AS REPORTED PRELIMINARILY IN
THE PRESS, REF B. HE IS A NATIVE OF ACAPULCO IN
THE STATE OF GUERRERO. HE SHOT RUIZ WITH A 9MM
AUTOMATIC, WHICH JAMMED AFTER THE FIRST, FATAL,
ROUND.

2. (U) MUCH OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS
CONDUCTED BY RUIZ'S BROTHER, MARIO RUIZ MASSIEU,
WHO IS A FEDERAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.
ATTORNEY GENERAL HUMBERTO BENITEZ TREVIÑO ALSO
SPOKE BRIEFLY, AND BOTH PROMISED A PULL
INVESTIGATION. ACCORDING TO THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL'S OFFICE, RESENDIZ WAS ARRESTED BY A
POLICE OFFICER WHO WAS OUTSIDE OF A NEARBY BANK.
WITHIN MINUTES, HE WAS TURNED OVER TO AGENTS OF
THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE. THE FEDERAL
CONFIDENTIAL MEXICO 23388

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ATTORNEY GENERAL IS COORDINATING THE INVESTIGATION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE FEDERAL DISTRICT (PROCURADURIA GENERAL DE JUSTICIA DEL DISTRITO FEDERAL).

3. (C) PRI AND OTHER SOURCES HAVE TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO RUMORS REGARDING THE MOTIVES FOR THE MURDER. ONE POSSIBLE EXPLANATION IS THAT THIS IS A REVENGE KILLING CARRIED OUT BY NARCO-TRAFFICKERS. ANOTHER, ALSO SPECULATIVE, EXPLANATION IS THAT THIS IS A POLITICAL KILLING AIMED AT WEAKENING THE REFORM Faction of the PRI. RUIZ, A SALINAS LOYALIST AND A REFORMER, WAS EXPECTED TO GET THE LEADER'S JOB IN THE LOWER HOUSE OF CONGRESS. JONES BT #3388
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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 01 OF 02 MEXICO 023678

JUSTICE FOR AG RENO

B.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, SNAR, PHUM, MX
SUBJECT: MURDER OF PRI SECGEN: WHO'S WHO AND
THREAT LETTER FROM "CARTEL"

REFS: (A) MEXICO 23289; (B) MEXICO 23303;
(C) MEXICO 23388; (D) MEXICO 23524

1. OVER THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 1-2, MORE ARRESTS
WERE MADE AND NEW SUSPECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE
ASSASSINATION OF JOSE FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSIEU, LATE
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INSTITUTIONAL
REVOLUTIONARY PART (PRI). THE FOLLOWING IS A
WHO'S WHO IN THE RUIZ MASSIEU CASE.

DANIEL AGUILAR TREVIN -- THE GUNMAN, A 29-YEAR-
OLD RANCH WORKER FROM THE NORTHERN BORDER STATE OF
TAMAULIPAS. HE SAYS FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ
(SEE BELOW) PROMISED HIM 50,000 PESOS
(APPROXIMATELY USD 16,000) FOR THE KILLING.

CARLOS ANGEL CAYA NAVAREZ -- AGUILAR TREVIN'S
COHORT FROM TAMALUAPAS WHO WAS WITH HIM AT THE
SHOOTING AND WHO INTRODUCED AGUILAR TREVIN TO
JORGE RODRIGUEZ. HE CROSSED THE BORDER INTO
BROWNSVILLE BUT AFTER SEEING HIS MOTHER ON
TELEVISION THERE RETURNED AND SURRENDERED TO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUTHORITIES.

FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ -- LAWYER WHO WORKS AS TECHNICAL SECRETARY TO THE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES AND APPARENT ORGANIZER OF THE ASSASSINATION. GOT HIS JOB THROUGH FEDERAL CONGRESSIONAL DEPUTY MANUEL MUNOZ. HIS WIFE MARTA EUGENIA RAMIREZ AND HER BROTHER ROBERTO RAMIREZ HAVE ALSO BEEN IMPLICATED AND THE BROTHER HAS CONFESSED TO HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE KILLING. FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ AND HIS WIFE HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPREHENDED.

JORGE RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ -- FERNANDO'S BROTHER WHO ACTUALLY HIRED AGUILAR AND CANTU FOR THE ASSASSINATION. HE TOLD INVESTIGATORS THAT, ACTING UNDER THE ORDERS OF HIS BROTHER FERNANDO, HE PUT TOGETHER THE ATTACK ON RUIZ MASSIEU.

MANUEL MUNOZ ROCHA -- A PRI FEDERAL DEPUTY FROM TAMALIPAS AND CURRENTLY SEREN AS THE ALLEGED MASTERMIND BEHIND THE ASSASSINATION. ACCORDING TO SOME PRESS REPORTS, MINUTES AFTER THE SHOOTING HE CALLED THE RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ BROTHERS TO COMPLAIN THAT RUIZ MASSIEU WAS ONLY WOUNDED AND THEN CALLED AGAIN 20 MINUTES LATER TO EXPRESS HIS PLEASURE THAT THE PRI OFFICIAL HAD DIED. MUNOZ ROCHA IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION (THE ASSASSINATION TEAM ALLEGEDLY FLEW ON PLANE TICKETS PURCHASED BY THE COMMISSION) AND IS STILL A FUGITIVE. AS A FEDERAL DEPUTY HE CAN NOT BE PROSECUTED UNLESS AND UNTIL HIS IMMUNITY IS REVOKED BY CONGRESS. REPORTEDLY, THE FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED SUCH A REVOCATION.

ABRAHAM RUBIO CANALES -- RUIZ MASSIEU'S FORMER CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR FOR THE GUERRERO GOVERNOR'S RACE AND LATER DIRECTOR OF THE STATE'S FEDERAL FUNDS COMMISSION. HE IS SERVING A 14-YEAR SENTENCE FOR FRAUD, A POSSIBLE MOTIVE FOR WANTING TO SEE RUIZ MASSIEU, WHO DID NOTHING TO KEEP HIM OUT OF PRISON WHEN FRAUD WAS UNCOVERED, ASSASSINATED. REPORTEDLY AN INTIMATE FRIEND OF MUNOZ ROCHA -- ONE OF HIS SONS IS ENGAGED TO MUNOZ ROCHA'S DAUGHTER -- HE IS PASS-RELATED BY MARRIAGE TO RAUL VALLADES, GULF CARTEL CAPO JUAN GARCIA ABREGO'S LIEUTENANT. GUNMAN AGUILAR TREVINO AND CANTU REPORTEDLY WORKED ON RUBIO'S HORSE RANCH.

JESUS SANCHEZ -- FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ'S CHAUFFEUR WHO DROVE AGUILAR TREVINO AND CANTU TO THE SCENE IN THE CAR BELONGING TO GONZALEZ'S BROTHER-IN-
LAW. REPORTEDLY HE WAS A FORMER BODYGUARD TO PRESIDENT MIGUEL ALEMAN AND HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF TWO PREVIOUS HOMICIDES. HE IS UNDER ARREST AND HAS CONFESSIONED HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION.

JOSE PASCUAL ALVAREZ -- THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN SAN CARLOS, TAMALIPAS (AGUILAR AND CANTU'S HOME TOWN) WHO SOLD THE MURDER WEAPON TO JORGE RODRIGUEZ. HE IS ALSO UNDER ARREST AND HAS CONFESSIONED SELLING THE MURDER WEAPON TO JORGE RODRIGUEZ.

2. MEXICO CITY DAILY "EXCELSIOR" REPORTED OCT. 2

A COMMUNIQUE FROM A GROUP CALLING ITSELF "THE STRONGEST CARTEL IN LATIN AMERICA" WHICH THREATENED REPRISALS FOR CONTINUED GOM ACTIONS AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS. IN THE COMMUNIQUE, REPORTEDLY ALSO DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT CARLOS SALINAS' RESIDENCE, THE "CARTEL" SAID THAT FOR EVERY GOM ACT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS TWO POLITICIANS, ACTORS, RELIGIOUS WORKERS, BUSINESSMEN, SPORTS FIGURES, OR HUMAN RIGHTS WORKERS WOULD BE KILLED.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THE COMMUNIQUE CAME FROM A DRUG GROUP; IF ANYTHING SUCH A WARNING APPEARS SO LIKELY TO BACKFIRE THAT IT RAISES DOUBTS ABOUT ITS AUTHENTICITY. BUT THE COMMUNIQUE WILL BE SEIZED UPON BY SUPPORTERS OF THE THEORY BLAMING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS FOR THE RUIZ MASSIEU ASSASSINATION. JONES BT #3678

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EWT, SENV, SNIAR, MX
SUBJECT: POST REPORTING PLAN NO.162: MATAMOROS
BIWEEKLY REPORT, OCTOBER 5, 1994-OCTOBER 19, 1994

FOLLOWING ARE SYNOPSIS OF PRESS AND OTHER NEWS FROM
POSTS DISTRICT DRAWN PRIMARILY FROM MATAMOROS

EL BRAVO AND LA OPINION, REYNOSAS EL MANANA AND
LA PRENSA, MANTESE EL TIEMPO, MEXICO CITYS EL
EXCELSIOR, AND TEXAS VALLEY DAILIES AND BUSINESS
PUBLICATIONS.

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ECONOMIC/BUSINESS BRIEFS

1. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS TIED TO NAFTA: TEXAS
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN DAVID BERNSEN
URGED COOPERATION AMONG GROUPS SEEKING MONEY TO IMPROVE
HIGHWAYS HANDLING INCREASED TRUCK TRAFFIC GENERATED
BY FREE TRADE WITH MEXICO. TEXAS IS SEEKING TO
UPGRADE ROUTE I-35, A 581 MILE HIGHWAY THAT PASSES

UNCLAS MATAMOROS 0674

CE-1634-MX-12368
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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Alan Flanigan, Senior Reviewer
THROUGH TWENTY ONE COUNTIES FROM NORTH TEXAS TO LAREDO, I-35 SUPPORTERS WANT TO ESTABLISH A NAFTA SUPERHIGHWAY UNDER 1991 FEDERAL HIGHWAY LEGISLATION. OFFICIALS HAVE SEEN TRUCK TRAFFIC DOUBLE SINCE NAFTA’S IMPLEMENTATION. THEY EXPECT IT TO DOUBLE BY 2000 AND AGAIN BY 2020.

2. IT’S A JUNGLE OUT THERE: THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MATAMOROS (CODEM), NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (CANACO), AND THE MANUFACTURES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (CANACINTRA) ARE WARNING OF WHAT THEY CALL A CAMPAIGN OF DEFAMATION BEING CONDUCTED AGAINST MATAMOROS BY “OBSCURE INTERESTS” WHO ARE SPREADING WHAT MATAMOROS BUSINESS LEADERS CALLED LIES WHICH PORTRAY THE MATAMOROS-BROWNSVILLE MAQUILADORA COMMUNITY IN A NEGATIVE LIGHT WHILE PLAYING UP THE REYNOSA-MCALLEN AXIS AS IDEAL FOR INVESTORS. AS AN EXAMPLE, LEADERS POINTED TO A RECENT REPORT SPONSORED BY THE MCALLEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DESCRIBING MATAMOROS AS A POOR LOCATION FOR MAQUILA INVESTMENT. THE MATAMOROS LEADERS SAY OTHER BORDER COMMUNITIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT WITHOUT SLINGING MUD AT THEIR NEIGHBORS AND HAVE SENT A LETTER OF PROTEST TO MCALLEN.

3. TAIWANESE LOOKING AT MATAMOROS: A GROUP OF TAIWANESE INVESTORS HAS INDICATED A STRONG INTEREST IN OPENING A MAQUILADORA IN MATAMOROS. THE INVESTORS PROPOSE OPENING AN ELECTRONICS PLANT THAT WOULD EMPLOY 200 WORKERS. TAMALIPAS GOVERNOR MANUEL CAVAZOS LERMA AND COMMITTEE FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MATAMOROS (CODEM) OFFICIALS SAY THE PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD FOR SIGNING A FORMAL AGREEMENT SOON.

LABOR BRIEFS
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4. LAID-OFF WORKERS SUB: 40 NON-UNION WORKERS OF THE MIMITA MAQUILADORA OF REYNOSA ARE SUING THE COMPANY FOR SEVERANCE PAY THEY DID NOT RECEIVE WHEN THE COMPANY CLOSED DOWN IN SEPTEMBER. LAWYERS FOR THE COMPANY DID NOT APPEAR AT THE PRELIMINARY COURT HEARING, AND THE WORKERS SAID THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE TO CONTEST THE SUIT.

TAGS: KPRP, CASC, ECON, ELAB, EINV, ETBD, SUBJECT: POST REPORTING PLAN .162: MATAMOROS

AGRICULTURE
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5. HOW SWEET IT IS: IN WHAT IS HAILED AS A SIGN THAT STATE INVESTMENTS IN THE HONEY INDUSTRY ARE FINALLY STARTING TO PAY, THE STATE AGRICULTURE SECRETARY, EDUARDO GARZA GONZALEZ, ANNOUNCED THAT U.S. COMPANIES

UNCLASSIFIED
WILL PURCHASE 640 TONS OF HONEY FROM TAMAULIPAS PRODUCERS. HOYTS HONEY FARM OF BAYTOWN, TEXAS IS REPORTEDLY CONTRACTING FOR THE HONEY AT A PRICE OF USD 853 PER TON.

CRIME/NARCOTICS/CORRUPTION

6. PJE ORDERED TO ASSIST IN ASSASSINATION CASE: TAMAULIPAS GOVERNOR MANUEL CAVAZOS LERMA ORDERED THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE (PJE) TO WORK WITH THE PGR IN INVESTIGATING JOSE FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSEUS ASSASSINATION. SINCE MR. AGUILAR TRUÑO WAS A TAMAULIPAN, STATE INTEREST IN THE CASE IS VERY HIGH. MR. AGUILAR WAS FROM AN EJIDO IN SAN CARLOS, TAMAULIPAS, WHICH IS 120 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE THE STATE CAPITAL. PGR AND PJE ELEMENTS DETAINED THIRTY PEOPLE OVERNIGHT IN Cd. VICTORIA, SAN CARLOS, AND MATAMOROS WHILE LOOKING FOR TWO OF MR. AGUILAR'S BROTHERS, ALSO TAMAULIPANS. CAVAZOS LERMA ORDERED STATE OFFICIALS TO BE IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS.

7. ASSASSINATION ALLEGATIONS REACH SENATOR: IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, SENATOR (AND FORMER GOVERNOR) ENRIQUE CARDENAS GONZALEZ DENIED ACCUSATIONS OF INVOLVEMENT MADE BY ONE OF THOSE DETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUIZ MASSIOU MURDER. CARDENAS AND PGR AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY DENIED THAT AUTHORITIES WERE REVIEWING CARDENAS' REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS SEARCHING FOR A LINK BETWEEN CARDENAS AND THE PLOTTERS. CARDENAS WAS IMPLICATED BY ONE OF ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS, MARCO ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ, WHO SHORTLY THEREAFTER RETRACTED HIS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST CARDENAS AS WELL AS DISCLAIMING KNOWLEDGE OF A RUMORED LIST OF NOTABLES MARKED FOR DEATH.

8. BROTHER OF JUAN GARCIA ABREGO ARRESTED: HUMBERTO GARCIA ABREGO, THE BROTHER OF REPUTED DRUG LORD JUAN GARCIA ABREGO, WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED BY THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE IN MONTERREY AND TRANSFERRED TO MATAMOROS WHERE HE APPEARED BEFORE A JUDGE. HE IS BEING HELD UNDER HOUSE ARREST AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS PENDING AN INVESTIGATION. SO FAR NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST HIM, BUT HE IS BEING HELD UNDER TIGHT SECURITY.

9. WIFE OF JUAN GARCIA ABREGO ASSOCIATE SENTENCED: ROSALINDA SILVA DE AGUIRRE, THE WIFE OF MATAMOROS DRUG CARTEL FIGURE RICARDO AGUIRRE VILLAGOMEZ, KNOWN AS "THE COWBOY" WAS SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN PRISON FOR HER ROLE IN CONSPIRACY TO LAUNDER MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DRUG PROCEEDS FROM THE GARCIA ABREGO
ORGANIZATION. EARLIER THIS YEAR TWO FORMER AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYEES WERE CONVICTED FOR LAUNDERING USD 30 MILLION FOR THE CARTEL. THE COWBOY WAS REPUTEDLY THE MIDDLE MAN IN THE SCHEME. AS PART OF HER PLEA BARGAIN AGREEMENT WITH PROSECUTORS, SILVA AGREED TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE BANKERS IN ANY FUTURE TRIALS. HER HUSBAND WAS REPORTED TO HAVE DIED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT IN 1992, BUT THE BODY WAS CREMATED THE DAY AFTER THE ACCIDENT AND SO SPECULATION THAT THE COWBOY IS STILL ALIVE CONTINUES.

10. CRACKDOWN ON STOLEN CARS: ELEMENTS OF THE FEDERAL AND STATE JUDICIAL POLICE, REYNOSA TRANSIT POLICE, AND CITY MUNICIPAL POLICE LAUNCHED ANOTHER PROGRAM TO SEIZE AMERICAN OWNED CARS THAT WERE ILLEGALLY BROUGHT INTO MEXICO. THE SEIZED CARS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE FEDERAL FISCAL AUTHORITIES IN REYNOSA, WHERE THEY WILL BE KEPT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT

11. NEW EPA STUDY ON BORDER: FEDERAL OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WOULD BE A FOLLOW-UP STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON RIO GRANDE FAMILIES. HAL ZENICK, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR EPA'S HEALTH EFFECTS LAB, SAID THAT THE FIRST STUDY PROVIDED THE AGENCY WITH A LIST OF CHEMICALS AFFECTING VALLEY RESIDENTS AND A SAMPLE OF PEOPLE TO CONDUCT FOLLOW-UP STUDIES. COMMUNITY MEETINGS HAVE RAISED CONCERNS OF POLLUTED AIR MOVING ACROSS FROM MEXICO. ZENICK SAID THAT EPA HAD NOT MONITORED ABNORMAL AIRBORNE POLLUTANTS, BUT WERE CONCERNED ABOUT PESTICIDES. IN A SIMILAR VENTURE, THE FDA PLANS TO STUDY MEANS OF IMPROVING LOCAL DIETS.

CONSULAR/IMMIGRATION

12. BABYNAPPING: A UNITED STATES FEDERAL JUDGE DECIDED TO EXTRADITE PAULYNA BOTELLO TO MEXICO TO FACE CHARGES OF KIDNAPPING LAURA LUGOS CHILD TWO YEARS AGO. BOTELLO, A MEXICAN CITIZEN, IS A PERMANENT RESIDENT LIVING IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS. THE BIZARRE CASE AROSE WHEN BOTELLO ALLEGEDLY LURED LUGO TO A CLINIC IN MATAMOROS WHERE A CESARIAN WAS PERFORMED. LUGO WAS TOLD THAT THE CHILD HAD DIED. BOTELLO THEN SUPPOSEDLY PROCURED A FRAUDULENT BIRTH CERTIFICATE FROM A BROWNSVILLE MIDWIFE SHOWING SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF THE CHILD. A PRELIMINARY DNA TEST SHOWED THERE WAS A 99.11 PERCENT CHANCE THAT LUGO IS THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT.
AND A 0.00 PERCENT CHANCE FOR BOTELLO. BOTELLOS LAWYERS PLANNED TO APPEAL THE JUDGES EXTRADITION ORDER.

EDUCATION

13. STATE SEEKING MONEY FOR EDUCATION PROJECTS:
THE STATE CONGRESS HAS AUTHORIZED THE GOVERNOR TO APPLY FOR TWENTY MILLION NEW PESOS IN CREDIT FROM THE NATIONAL WORKS AND PUBLIC SERVICE BANK (BANOBRA) TO FUND EDUCATION PROJECTS IN THE STATE. THE PROPOSED PROJECTS INCLUDE PURCHASING COMPUTERS, BUILDING LIBRARIES, AND A EDUCATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER. THE PROJECT WILL FOCUS ON POORER REGIONS OF THE STATE, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE DEPRESSED SOUTHWESTERN REGION.

14. CAN A BAN ON SANTA CLAUS BE FAR BEHIND?
THE STATE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND SPORTS (SECUDE) HAS REPORTEDLY BANNED HALLOWEEN FROM STATE SCHOOLS. THIS IS PART OF A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO RESCUE MEXICAN TRADITIONS SUCH AS THE DAY OF THE DEAD. SCHOOLS ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO PUT UP ALTARS OF THE DEAD TO NATIONAL HEROES OR DEFUNCT TEACHERS FROM THE SCHOOLS. HALLOWEEN, NO DOUBT ENCOURAGED BY THE MEXICAN SWEET TOOTH, HAS BEEN MOVING STEADILY SOUTH FOR SOME TIME TO THE CONSTERNATION OF MANY CONCERNED ABOUT THE VITALITY OF MEXICAN HOLIDAYS AND CUSTOMS.

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FOLLOWING SYNOPSIS OF PRESS AND OTHER NEWS FROM POSTS
DISTRICT DRAWN PRIMARILY FROM MATAMOROS EL BRAVO AND
LA OPINION, CD. VICTORIAS EL MERCURIO, MANTE

EL TIEMPO, MEXICO CITY, EL EXCELSIOR, AND TEXAS
VALLEY DAILIES AND BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS.

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1. SMALLER COMPANIES, SMALLER FACTORIES COMING TO
THE BORDER WHILE LARGE MAQUILADORAS HAVE NOT BEEN BUILT IN
MATAMOROS SINCE THE EARLY 1980S AND SEVERAL HAVE CLOSED.
A NEW TRENDS IS HELP BOOST EMPLOYMENT IN THIS BORDER CITY.
ACCORDING TO MAQUILADORA INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, MOST
OF THE COMPANIES ARRIVING IN MATAMOROS ARE HIRING SEVERAL
HUNDRED RATHER THAN SEVERAL THOUSAND WORKERS PER PLANT.
SOME MAQUILADORAS, SUCH AS NOVA-LINK LTD.
PARTNERSHIP, CHOOSE TO HOUSE MANY SMALL PLANTS IN ONE
LOCATION. COMPANIES FROM OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES
ARE ALSO BEGINNING TO SHOW UP, SUCH AS A TEXTILE
MANUFACTURES FROM COSTA RICA. TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE

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MAQUILADORA INDUSTRY HAS REPORTEDLY RISEN FROM 34,376 AT THE END OF 1993 TO 37,680 IN OCTOBER 1994. THE UNION OF DAY LABORERES AND INDUSTRIAL WORKERS CLAIMS A MEMBERSHIP OF 45,000, COMPOSED MAINLY OF MAQUILADORA AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS.

2. AMERICAN FOOTBALL TO REMAIN ON MEXICAN AIRWAVES: THE U.S. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AGREED TO ALLOW THREE MEXICAN TELEVISION STATIONS ALONG THE BORDER TO RETRANSMIT AMERICAN FOOTBALL GAMES IN AREAS WHERE NO LOCAL U.S. STATION CAN AIR THE GAMES. THIS DECISION AFFECTS UP TO ONE MILLION FOOTBALL FANS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER IN MATAMOROS/BROWNSVILLE, NEUVO LAREDO/LAREDO, AND TIJUANA/SAN DIEGO. ALL THREE STATIONS CARRY THE FOX TELEVISION NETWORK LINEUP. THE DECISION TO ALLOW RETRANSMISSION WILL BE REVIEWED IN FIVE YEARS.

3. NAFTA NOTE: BUS COMPANIES FORM PARTNERSHIP: TWO MAJOR BUS COMPANIES, GREYHOUND BUS LINES AND GRUPO SENDA, HAVE AGREED TO HONOR EACH OTHER'S TICKETS. GRUPO SENDA REPRESENTS THREE BUS LINES IN NORTHEAST MEXICO. THE ARRANGEMENT WILL ALLOW A TRAVELLER IN MEXICO TO PURCHASE TICKETS AND ARRANGE TRAVEL STRAIGHT THROUGH TO ANY U.S. DESTINATION SERVED BY GREYHOUND. THIS IS THE FIRST STEP IN WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE AN EVEN CLOSER RELATIONSHIP AFTER JANUARY 1, 1997. AFTER THAT DATE, BUSES FROM NAFTA COUNTRIES MAY OPERATE FREELY THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA. MEXICAN COMPANIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET U.S. SAFETY AND INSURANCE GUIDELINES, BUT ITS DRIVERS MAY USE A MEXICAN COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE.


5. AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN PORT OF ALTAMIRA: U.S. GRAVEL AND MINERAL COMPANY LOOPER SMITH WILL INVEST USDOLS 20 MILLION AND CREATE ABOUT 100 JOBS AT THE PORT OF ALTAMIRA WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF Terminals. ANOTHER U.S. INVESTMENT GROUP, HERCULES, MAY BUILD A PLANT IN SOUTHERN TAMAULIPAS TO MANUFACTURE CHEMICALS FOR EXPORT TO CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. THIS WILL ALSO ENTAIL AN INITIAL INVESTMENT OF AROUND USDOLS 20 MILLION.

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6. FIDEL VELAZQUEZ VISITS TAMAULIPAS; LABOR PATRIARCH  
FIDEL VELAZQUEZ WILL VISIT TAMAULIPAS GOVERNOR MANUEL CAVAZOS  

LERMA ON NOVEMBER 5 TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR THE RECENTLY SIGNED  
"PACTO DE ESTABILIDAD PARA EL BIENESTAR Y CRECIMIENTO"  
(PEBES). THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TAMAULIPAS SECRETARIAT  
OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCE AND TOURISM INDICATED  
THAT PEBES IS AIMED AT CONTROLLING THE RATE OF INFLATION TO  
KEEP IT AT A LEVEL SIMILAR TO THE INFLATION RATES OF CANADA  
AND THE UNITED STATES. THE GOVERNOR WILL ALSO DISCUSS WITH  
VELAZQUEZ HIS ADMINISTRATIONS PLANS FOR BALANCING THE  
STATE BUDGET.  

7. MAQUILADORA ASSOCIATION UNHAPPY WITH MEXICAN IMMIGRATION  
PROCEDURES: OSCAR GONZALEZ BRITO, PRESIDENT OF THE  
MATAMOROS MAQUILADORA ASSOCIATION MET WITH FERNANDO GOMEZ DE  
LARA, SUBDIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE INMIGRACION  
(NATIONAL IMMIGRATION INSTITUTE), TO DISCUSS RECENT  
CHANGES IN MEXICAN IMMIGRATION LAW. THE MAQUILADORA  
ASSOCIATION HAS COMPLAINED THAT REQUIREMENTS TO BE ABLE  
TO WORK LEGALLY IN MEXICO HAVE INCREASED, RATHER THAN  
DECREASED SINCE THE PASSAGE OF NAFTA, LEADING TO HIGHER  
COSTS FOR MAQUILADORAS. GOMEZ DE LARA ASSURED THE  
MAQUILADORA ASSOCIATION THAT PROCEDURES WOULD BE SIMPLIFIED  
AND MEASURES ADOPTED TO EASE BUSINESS TRAVEL. FOR  
EXAMPLE, DROP-BOXES WILL BE INSTALLED AT BRIDGES AND  

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AIRPORTS FOR USE BY TRAVELLERS WHO MUST DOCUMENT THEIR
DEPARTURE FROM MEXICO.

8. MORE ARREST AND SEIZURES IN RUIZ MASSIEU CASE:
FEDERAL POLICE OFFICIALS SEIZED PROPERTY AND MADE SEVERAL
ARRESTS IN THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INTO THE MURDER
OF FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSIEU. ABRAHAM RUBIO FERNANDEZ,
SON OF ABRAHAM RUBIO CANALES, WAS ARRESTED IN CIUDAD
VICTORIA AND TRANSPORTED TO MEXICO CITY. POLICE OFFICIALS
ALLEGE THE YOUNGER RUBIO WAS IN ON THE PLANNING OF THE
ASSASSINATION. ABRAHAM RUBIO FERNANDEZ IS ALSO THE
SON-IN-LAW OF RAUL VALLADARES DEL ANGEL, A RANKING
MEMBER OF THE GULF CARTEL. MOST OF THE TAMALIPAS
RANCHES SEIZED IN THE COURSE OF THE HUNT FOR MANUEL MUNOZ
ROCHA BELONG TO MEMBERS OF THE GULF CARTEL.

9. FALSE BIRTH CERTIFICATE USED IN BABY-SNAPPING
CASE: KIDNAPPING SUSPECT PAULYNA BOTELLO USED A FALSE
BIRTH CERTIFICATE FILLED BY A MIDWIFE TO ESTABLISH HER
RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHILD SHE ALLEGEDLY STOLE AT BIRTH
FROM LAURA LUGO. THE MIDWIFE, MARIA DE LOS ANGELES
LOPEZ, REPORTED THE DELIVERY OF A MALE CHILD FROM
PAULYNA BOTELLO, GAVE A DETAILED REPORT OF THE BIRTH,
AND FILED A BIRTH CERTIFICATE AT THE CAMERON COUNTY,
TEXAS, COURTHOUSE. IT WAS LATER DISCOVERED THAT
THE CHILD HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM ITS NATURAL MOTHER, LAURA
LUCHO, WHILE ME. LUGO WAS UNDER SEDATION AT THE
MATAMOROS CLINIC WHERE SHE GAVE BIRTH IN 1992. THE
ATTENDING DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY GAVE THE BABY TO PAULYNA
BOTELLO AND TOLD LAURA LUGO HER CHILD HAD DIED AT BIRTH.

10. WORK STOPS ON FEDERAL PRISON... AGAIN: FOR THE
FOURTH TIME IN FOUR YEARS, WORK HAS CEASED AT THE
MASSIVE HIGH-SECURITY PRISON LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE OF
MATAMOROS. THOUGH ITS COMPLETION WAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED
BY SUBSECRETARIA SOCORRO DIAZ OF GOBERNACION, RECENT
PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW A GOOD DEAL OF WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE
BEFORE THE FACILITY CAN HOUSE PRISONERS. CONSTRUCTION
OF SEVERAL OTHER GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS CEASED EARLIER THIS
YEAR BECAUSE THE CONTRACTORS HAD NOT BEEN PAID IN MONTHS,
CAUSING FINANCIAL STRAIN THROUGHOUT THE MATAMOROS
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. NO WORD ON WHEN CONSTRUCTION
ON THE PRISON WILL RESUME.

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ENVIRONMENT  

11. NEW STUDY MAY LINK ENVIRONMENT TO BORDER-AREA BIRTH  
DEFEATS: ACCORDING TO THE BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH  
CENTER, A NEW STUDY BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL  
BRANCH IN GALVESTON DRAWS A CONNECTION BETWEEN SEVERE BIRTH  
DEFEATS IN THE BORDER AREA AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THE  
STUDY, ENTITLED UMB - FIELD EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDY:  
NEURAL TUBE AND OTHER BIRTH DEFEATS IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE  
VALLEY", WAS DIRECTED BY DOCTOR GREG S. WILKINSON.  
BROWNSVILLE CITY COMMISSIONER JACKIE LOCKETT EXPRESSED  
CONCERNS ABOUT THE WAY IN WHICH THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY  
ARE BEING RELEASED AND POINTED OUT THAT TWO PREVIOUS  
STUDIES DID NOT DRAW A SPECIFIC LINK BETWEEN THE  
ENVIRONMENT AND BIRTH DEFEATS. THE UMB STUDY IS BEING  
REVIEWED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE  
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF  
NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL.  

12. WATER WARS IN NORTHERN TAMAULIPAS: AGRICULTURAL  
LEADERS OF IRRIGATION DISTRICT 26, COMPRISED OF THE  
NORTHERN HALF OF THE STATE OF TAMAULIPAS EXPRESSED ANGER  
OVER THE WATER SHORTAGE ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY THE BUILDING  
OF "EL CUCHILLO" DAM IN NUEVO LEON. FARMERS PEAR  
THAT RECENT DRY SPELLS WILL BE AGGRAVATED BY THE DIVERSION  
OF WATER FROM TAMALIPAS TO THE CITY OF MONTERREY.  
APPARENTLY, THE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF MATAMOROS  

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WANTS THE COMISION NACIONAL DEL AGUA (CONAGUA) TO RETURN TO ITS ORIGINAL PLANS FOR "EL CUCHILLO", WHICH INDICATED LESS WATER WOULD BE DRAWN TO MONTERREY. FOR ITS PART, CONAGUA HAS OFFERED TO ALLOW TAMAULIPAS FARMERS TO PUMP MORE WATER DIRECTLY FROM THE RIO BRAVO (RIO GRANDE). UNFORTUNATELY, THE RIO BRAVO IS ALREADY STRETCHED AS A RESOURCE.

EDUCATION

13. FILIZOLA REELECTED RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE TAMAULIPAS: HUMBERTO FILIZOLA HACES WAS ELECTED TO A SECOND FOUR-YEAR TERM AS RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE TAMAULIPAS (UAT) BY THE STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS OF THE UNIVERSITY. FILIZOLA IS CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH GOVERNOR MANUEL CAZAZOS LERMA AND MAY BE A CONTENDER FOR HIGHER POLITICAL OFFICE IN THE FUTURE. COMMENT: ADS AND SHOWS IN SUPPORT OF FILIZOLA COULD BE SEEN NIGHTLY ON LOCAL TV STATIONS. STRANGELY, NO MENTION WAS EVER MADE IN THE MEDIA OF ANY OTHER CANDIDATE FOR THE POST. END COMMENT.
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2. SUMMARY: DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL MARIO RUIZ MASSIEU'S CHARGES THAT INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRI) LEADERS OBSTRUCTED THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MURDER OF HIS BROTHER, FORMER PRI SECRETARY GENERAL JOSE FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSIEU, HAVE OPENED A PUBLIC RIPT IN PRI RANKS. MARIO HAS HURT HIS OWN CHANCE OF A SENIOR JOB IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND DAMAGED THE IMAGE OF SEVERAL KEY PRI LEADERS, INCLUDING PARTY PRESIDENT IGNACIO PICHARDO AND CURRENT SECRETARY GENERAL MARIA DE LOS ANGELES MORENO. MARIO RUIZ APPEARS INTENT ON IDENTIFYING THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CRIME BEFORE HE LEAVES OFFICE IN TWO WEEKS, ALTHOUGH HE MAY RETAIN A HAND IN THE CASE AFTER PRESIDENT-ELECT EDOMELZIO'S INAUGURATION. SOLVING THE RUIZ'S MURDER IS LIKELY TO REMAIN A HIGH PRIORITY UNDER THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, AS IT MOVES TO DISPEL THE PUBLIC DOUBTS ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION THAT ALREADY EXISTED AND MARIO RUIZ HAS NOW INFLAMED. END SUMMARY.

3. IN A TELEvised INTERVIEW NOVEMBER 14, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL RUIZ MASSIEU DENOUNCED PRI PRESIDENT IGNACIO PICHARDO, NEW PRI SECRETARY GENERAL MARIA DE LOS ANGELES MORENO, AND OTHER PRI LEADERS FOR ALLEGEDLY PROTECTING THE PRI INSTEAD OF AIDING IN THE RUIZ MURDER INVESTIGATION. THE NEXT DAY, PICHARDO AND MORENO

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REPUdiated the charges as unfounded; Mario Ruiz then replied that he had evidence to support the claim, and President Salinas stepped in to quiet the intraparty squabble. Ruiz offered only one specific example of obstruction, the alleged falsification by a "senior official" in the Federal Attorney General's Office of the resignation letter from Congress allegedly sent by Ruiz murder suspect and fugitive Munoz Rocha. That letter eliminated the need for the public hearing, potentially embarrassing to the PRI, to strip Munoz Rocha of his congressional immunity from prosecution. At the time, questions about the letter's legitimacy were answered by government experts who asserted that Munoz Rocha's signature was genuine.

4. IN ADDITION TO DENOUNCING THE RESIGNATION LETTER AS FRAUDULENT, Ruiz massieU criticiZed PRI President Ignacio Pichardo and PRI Secretary General Maria de los Angeles Moreno by name, stating that instead of facilitating the investigation, they had made it more difficult in order to protect the PRI from public criticism. While opposition leaders, including former National Action Party presidential candidate Diego Fernandez de Cevallos and Party of the Democratic Revolution president Porfirio Munoz Ledo publicly praised Ruiz, denunciations, PRI leaders and rank and file saw Ruiz's actions as "desperate" and "opening a public rift" between strong factions of the PRI.

5. COMMENT: Ruiz's denunciations, according to PRI insiders and former Ruiz colleagues, were sparked by the fact that he has only two weeks left as the number-two man in the AG's office and is determined to break open the case and to identify and prosecute all those involved in his brother's death, both out of loyalty and to protect himself and his family in the future. Ruiz, who many expected would stay on in a senior position under Zedillo, perhaps as AG, and who had long been identified, like his murdered brother, as a close ally of President Salinas, is now unlikely to remain in the cabinet. He may, however, retain some role in his brother's investigation, perhaps as a special prosecutor, or be offered a face-saving ambassadorial appointment. "Ruiz is also a very close friend of Secretary of Government Jorge Carpio. The open attack against Pichardo (a key member of Agriculture Secretary Carlos Hank's Atlacomulco Political Group) and Moreno (a close friend and ally of government under secretary Beatriz Paredes, who is an outside prospect for Carpio's job) has cast the conflict as one between political groups, i.e. Carpio's and, perhaps, Salinas'"

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GROUP AGAINST THE OTHERS. RUIZ’ CHARGES MANIFEST A VIRULENT FORM OF TYPICAL END OF TERM DIVISIONS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, AS OFFICIALS JOCKEY FOR POWER AND POSITION IN THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION. HE HAS PROBABLY NOT ONLY ENDED HIS OWN CHANCE OF A SENIOR SLOT UNDER EDILIO BUT, BY TARRING THE OTHERS, REDUCED PICHARDO’S PROSPECTS FOR A TOP POST, HANK’S CHANCES OF REMAINING IN THE CABINET, AND MORENO’S CHANCE OF MOVING UP TO PRI PARTY PRESIDENT WHEN PICHARDO LEAVES.

6. WHATEVER THE FALLOUT FOR INDIVIDUAL POLITICIANS AND POLITICAL Factions IN THE PRI, MEXICO CAN ILL AFFORD LINGERING DOUBTS ABOUT ITS OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY WHEN INVESTIGATING THE RUIZ MASSIEU MURDER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE ZEDILLO ADMINISTRATION. IN ADDITION, WHAT NOW APPEARS -- AT LEAST IN PART -- AS AN INTERNECINE STRUGGLE IN THE PRI, UNTIL FULLY RESOLVED, WILL UNDERMINE PUBLIC TRUST IN THE PRI’S ABILITY TO REFORM ITSELF AS ZEDILLO HAS PLEDGED TO LET IT DO. ZEDILLO PLEDGED, TOO, TO MAKE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE A CENTERPIECE OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. NEITHER THE 1993 KILLING OF CARDINAL POSADAS, NOR THE MARCH 94 COLOSIO ASSASSINATION HAS BEEN RESOLVED TO THE SATISFACTION OF MOST MEXICANS AND BOTH CATHOLIC LEADERS AND COLOSIO’S WIDOW HAVE FUELED DOUBTS BY PUBLICLY DENOUNCING THOSE INVESTIGATIONS AS INCOMPLETE. THE MURDER TRAIL LEADING TO PRI DEPUTY MUNOZ ROCHA HAS ALREADY MADE THE RUIZ MURDER A POLITICAL CRIME AND, ALTHOUGH MARIO RUIZ IS SLATED TO LEAVE OFFICE IN TWO WEEKS, HIS ACTION, WHATEVER MAY HAVE BEEN THE MOTIVE, MAY PROVE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE CHURC OR COLOSIO’S FAMILY IN PRESSING DEMANDS FOR THE INVESTIGATION TO GO DEEPER, WHETHER HE RETAINS A FORMAL ROLE IN THE INVESTIGATION OR NOT. END COMMENT.

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1. AN AMERICAN CITIZEN RESIDENT IN GUADALAJARA, TOLD THE CG ON NOVEMBER 13 THAT HE HAD SEEN AND CONVERSED WITH FORMER FEDERAL DEPUTY MANUEL MUNOZ ROCHA IN A MUSEUM IN CAIRO, EGYPT ON OCTOBER 7. MUNOZ ROCHA IS THE ALLEGED "MASTERMIND" OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRI LEADER JOSE FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSIEU. ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OTHER MEXICANS, THE PERSON THOUGHT TO BE MUNOZ ROCHA PLUS ONE OF HIS COMPANIONS WERE WEARING SHIRTS WITH THE PRI LOGO ON THE BACK.

2. ON NOVEMBER 16 AT A COMMERCIAL EVENT LAUNCHING A US-MEXICAN JOINT VENTURE THE CG HAPPENED TO BE SEATED NEXT TO ANDRES MASSIEU, UNDER SECRETARY FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION. HE IS THE COUSIN OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MARIO RUIZ MASSIEU, WHO ALSO IS IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE KILLING OF HIS BROTHER, JOSE FRANCISCO. THE CG TOLD THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE REPORTED SIGHTING OF MUNOZ ROCHA. ANDRES MASSIEU ASKED IF HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO HIS COUSIN THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-GENERAL, WHICH OF COURSE WAS RESPONDED TO AFFIRMATIVELY. THE NEXT DAY WE WERE VISITED BY THE PGR DELEGATE FOR JALISCO WHO SAID HE WAS REQUESTED BY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY RUIZ MASSIEU TO FOLLOW UP WITH US ON THE MATTER. WE TOLD THE DELEGATE OF WHAT WE KNEW, PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH AMCIT AND OUR LEGATT. OUR LEGATT IN TURN INFORMED THE OFFICE OF THE LEGATT IN MEXICO CITY. GIVEN THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOM HAS ASKED US FOR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MUNOZ ROCHA WE WOULD
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EXPECT THAT EMBASSY CAIRO MAY HEAR FURTHER REGARDING
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TAGS: PGOV, PRL, PTER, PINR, SNAR, MX
SUBJECT: RUIZ MASSIEU RESIGNS, ACCUSING PRI PRESIDENT OF INVOLVEMENT IN KILLING OF HIS BROTHER

REF: MEXICO 27029

1. (U) MEXICAN FEDERAL DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL MARIO RUIZ MASSIEU RESIGNED NOVEMBER 23. RUIZ MASSIEU SAID THE RULING INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRI) IS HINDERING HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF HIS BROTHER, FORMER PRI SECRETARY JOSÉ FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSIEU. HE ACCUSED PRI PRESIDENT IGNACIO PICHARDO AND FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL HUMBERTO BERNITZ TREVINO OF HAVING TIES TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIME AND OF CONSPIRING WITH THEM.


3. (C) DCM WENT YESTERDAY (NOVEMBER 22) TO MEET WITH RUIZ MASSIEU. MEETING WAS ABRUPTLY CANCELLED BECAUSE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD TO LEAVE UNEXPECTEDLY TO GO TO LOS PINOS (PRESIDENT SALINAS' OFFICE).

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Alan Flanigan, Senior Reviewer
4. (C) COMMENT. RUIZ MASSIEU'S PUBLIC RESIGNATION DEEPENS THE RIFT BETWEEN HIM AND THE PRI THAT PRESIDENT SALINAS ATTEMPTED TO CLOSE LAST WEEK (REFTEL). WITHOUT PUBLICLY OFFERING ANY NEW EVIDENCE LINKING PRI-OFFICIALS TO HIS BROTHER'S MURDER, RUIZ MASSIEU'S DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT MADE EXPPLICIT HIS VIEW THAT PRI MEMBERS NOT ONLY COVERED UP THE CRIME BUT WERE SOMEHOW INVOLVED, AT THE VERY LEAST, WITH THOSE WHO PLANNED IT. COMING JUST DAYS BEFORE SALINAS LEAVES OFFICE, RUIZ MASSIEU'S MOVE REFLECTS HIS PERSONAL ANGER THAT HIS BROTHER'S DEATH HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED AND AN APPARENT CONVICTION THAT THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION WILL NOT DO SO.

5. (C) OPPOSITION LEADERS HAD EARLIER SUPPORTED RUIZ MASSIEU AFTER HIS FIRST ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE PRI. THEY ARE LIKELY TO JOIN IN THEIR DEPUTIES' DEMANDS THAT RUIZ MASSIEU REMAIN IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION, BUT AT THE MOMENT, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR SALINAS OR ZEDILLO TO LEAVE RUIZ MASSIEU IN CHARGE OF AN INVESTIGATION THAT HE HAS SUCH A LARGE EMOTIONAL STAKE IN RESOLVING. IN ANY CASE, THE RUIZ MASSIEU MURDER IS NOT LIKELY TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE ZEDILLO TAKES OFFICE NEXT WEEK, AND THIS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT MAY FORCE ZEDILLO TO PUT THE CASE HIGH ON HIS AGENDA. WHO ZEDILLO APPOINTS ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SPECIAL PROSECUTOR WILL BE STRONG EARLY INDICATIONS OF HIS DETERMINATION TO FAIRLY INVESTIGATE THE CASE. PUBLIC OPINION ALREADY VIEWS THE RUIZ MASSIEU MURDER AS A OPEN WOUND IN THE PRI AND AN INDICTMENT OF THE RULING PARTY'S COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE. ZEDILLO WILL BE CHALLENGED TO CLOSE THE RIFT AND REFUTE SUCH CRITICISM. END COMMENT.

2. (U) LATEST SALTY IN THE COMBAT IS PRI PRESIDENT IGNACIO PICHARDO’S LEVING OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST RUÍZ MASSIEU FOR DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER AND ABUSE OF AUTHORITY. ADDITIONALLY, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE (PGR) HAS FILED CHARGES AGAINST JORGE STERGIS, LEAD INVESTIGATOR OF THE CASE UNDER RUÍZ MASSIEU, WHO REFUSED TO TURN OVER EVIDENCE IN THE INVESTIGATION.

3. (U) RUÍZ MASSIEU HAS YET TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE BACKING UP HIS CLAIMS THAT PICHARDO AND FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL HUMBERTO BENTEZ TREVÍNO HAVE TIES TO, AND CONSPIRED WITH, THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE ASSASSINATION OF HIS BROTHER, EXCEPT FOR THE
LETTER PURPORTEDLY WRITTEN BY DEPUTY MUÑOZ ROCHA,
CURRENTLY A FUGITIVE, IN WHICH MUÑOZ ROCHA
SUPPOSEDLY RESIGNS FROM CONGRESS TO AVOID A
PROTRACTED BATTLE OVER REMOVAL OF HIS
CONGRESSIONAL IMMUNITY.

4. (C) COMMENT. THE SCANDAL RAISED BY RUIZ
MASSIEU'S CHARGES HAS BEGUN TO TAKE ON THE
OVERTONES OF A MEXICAN WATERGATE. THE PITCH OF
THE ACCUSATIONS AND COUNTERACCUSATIONS BECOMES
MORE POINTED AND SHRIIL AS HIGH RANKING MEMBERS
OF THE PRI AND THE SALINAS ADMINISTRATION TRY TO KEEP
FURTHER ACCUSATIONS FROM REACHING THEM
PERSONALLY. THE FACT THAT MANY MEXICANS APPEAR TO
TAKE RUIZ MASSIEU AT HIS WORD, AS DEMONSTRATED BY
NEWSPAPER PUBLIC OPINION POLLS, ADDS TO THE
GENERAL PANIC OF SOME IN THE POLITICAL CLASS.

5. (C) IT IS NOT CLEAR AT THIS POINT WHETHER THE
AFFAIR WILL HELP OR DAMAGE THE ZEDILLO
ADMINISTRATION AFTER ZEDILLO IS INAUGURATED
DECEMBER 1 . ON THE ONE HAND, THERE ARE EMBASSY
CONTACTS IN THE SENIOR RANKS OF THE POLITICAL AND
BUSINESS WORLD WHO SPECULATE THAT, BY FURTHER
WEAKENING A DIVIDED PRI, ZEDILLO'S ATTEMPTS TO
CREATE A MORE BALANCED, MULTIPARTY POLITICAL
SYSTEM WILL BE AIDED. OTHERS, HOWEVER, COUNTER
THAT BEGINNING AN ADMINISTRATION WITH SUCH A
SERIOUS SCANDAL SPLITTING HIS OWN PARTY, ALONG
WITH THE GROWING CRISIS CAUSED BY THE INSURGENCY
IN CHIAPAS, CAN ONLY PREOCCUPE THE NEW PRESIDENT
AND DISTRACT HIM FROM THE ISSUES WHICH HE WAS
ELECTED TO ADDRESS.

6. (C) THE EFFECT OF THE WIDENING DEBATE ALSO
CANNOT HELP BUT MAR THE REPUTATION OF PRESIDENT
SALINAS, WHO CONTINUES TO STaunchLY DEFEND MORENO
IN PUBLIC (BUT, NOTICEABLY, NOT PICHARDO OR
BENITEZ TREVINO). EVEN A WEEK AGO, IT WOULD HAVE
BEEN DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE SALINAS' STERLING PUBLIC
REPUTATION THIS MUCH IN DOUBT. END COMMENT.
Lic. María Teresa De La Reva  
Banco Confía  
México, D.F.

PRESENTE

ASUNTO: CUENTA VISA #4938 1504 0167 0833

Estimada Licenciada De La Reva:

Reciba usted un cordial saludo, a la vez que la refiero al asunto arriba indicado. Nuestra oficina solicita, respetuosamente, su ayuda en determinar a quien pertenece la tarjeta VISA #4938 1504 0167 0833. De igual forma, solicitamos el historial de cargos hechos a dicha tarjeta durante el periodo de 1ro. de septiembre de 1994 hasta el presente.

Su colaboración en este importante asunto será apreciada. Sin nada más por el momento, quedo de usted.

Atentamente,

Stanley A. Pimentel  
Agregado Jurídico

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Alan Flanigan, Senior Reviewer

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(3)
1. (U) DURING THE WEEK OF THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT ERNESTO ZEDILLO, THE RUIZ MASSIEU AFFAIR HAS CONTINUED TO DOMINATE MEDIA HEADLINES AND POLITICAL DISCUSSION. EARLIER THIS WEEK, RUIZ MASSIEU WAS CALLED IN FOR QUESTIONING ON COUNTERSUITS FOR DEPAMATION OF CHARACTER, ABUSE OF OFFICE, AND RELATED CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM SEPARATELY BY PRI SECRETARY GENERAL MARIA DE LOS ANGELES MORENO AND PRI PRESIDENT IGNACIO PICHARDO. HE HAS FIFTEEN DAYS TO APPEAR IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE (PGR) TO RESPOND TO THE CALL. QUESTIONED ABOUT HOW HE WOULD RESPOND, HE SAID THAT HE IS PLANNING TO BRING HIS OWN COUNTERSUIT TO COUNTER MORENO'S AND PICHARDO'S.

2. (U) WHEN REPORTERS QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT ZEDILLO'S DESIGNATION OF OPPOSITION NATIONAL ACTION PARTY (PAN) MEMBER FERNANDO ANTONIO LOZANO GRACIA AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, RUIZ MASSIEU STATED THAT HE WAS PLEASED BY THE APPOINTMENT. HE EXPRESSED HIS WISH THAT LOZANO WOULD BE ABLE TO DIGNIFY THE INSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL AND

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BRING THE RULE OF LAW BACK TO MEXICO. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS IN ITSELF WOULD BE A DAUNTING CHALLENGE TO ANY APPOINTEE TO THE POSITION.

3. (U) WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF HIS FOE PICHARDO TO THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF ENERGY, MINES AND PARASTATALS, HE POINTEDLY REFUSED COMMENT.

4. (U) COMMENT. RUIZ MASSIEU’S COMMENTS ON LOZANO ARE FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THIS APPOINTMENT OF ZEDILLO’S WAS A DEFT RESPONSE TO THE GROWING SCANDAL. A "CLEAN" OPPOSITION FIGURE MAY BE ABLE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE AFFAIR UNHINDERED BY THE PRI PARTY TIES THAT WERE PERCEIVED AS COMPROMISING PARTY MEMBERS IN THE EARLIER INVESTIGATION. ZEDILLO WILL SURELY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT HE IS NOT SEEN AS COVERING UP SINS OF OTHER PRI OFFICIALS, WHICH COULD HINDER HIS ATTEMPTS TO BRING ABOUT AN AMBITIOUS CAMPAIGN CENDA. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION IN THE MEDIA THAT RUIZ MASSIEU MIGHT JOIN THE PAN-DE SIMULTANEOUSLY RESIGNED FROM THE PRI WHEN HE UIT AS DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL -- WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT THE PAN IS INTERESTED IN RECRUITING HIM. END COMMENT.

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Coverage in the Mexico city press on March 1 highlights two views of the arrest of Haul Salinas, brother of ex-President Carlos Salinas: the arrival of rule of law in Mexico and the almost universal approval of President Zedillo's actions in this sphere. Public statements at present can be summarized by two quotes: "Yesterday, Mr. Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon, became President of Mexico." (Op-ed piece by Joel Hernandez Santiago in "El...
2. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS FROM THE POLITICAL PARTIES:
- THE INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRI) CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ISSUED A STATEMENT BACKING ZEDILLO "IN THESE DIFFICULT MOMENTS AND RECOGNIZING HIS POLITICAL WILL IN OFFERING TO THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO, THE RULE OF LAW." AT THE SAME TIME, THE STATEMENT WARNED AGAINST FALSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE PRI AND 'INNOCENT PEOPLE.'

- IN A PRESS RELEASE, THE NATIONAL ACTION PARTY (PAN) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STATED THAT THE ACTIONS OF THE PGR REFLECT AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IN NATIONAL LIFE. "IN ESSENCE, THEY SHOW A FIRM WILL TO INVESTIGATE THE TRUTH AND APPLY THE LAW WITHOUT DISTINCTION, INDEPENDENTLY OF SOCIAL POSITION OR POLITICS OF THOSE WHO VIOLATE THE LAW." IN RESPONSE TO DISCUSSION OF A RUPTURE WITHIN THE PRI PARTY, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STATED THAT "WHAT EXISTS IS REALLY A RUPTURE BETWEEN A POLITICAL SYSTEM WITHOUT WRITTEN RULES AND A DEMOCRATIC REGIME WITH WRITTEN RULES."

- "UNOMASUNO" REPORTED ON A REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PRD) PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE FEDERAL DEPUTIES MEMBERS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THE INVESTIGATION HAS REACHED THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND STATED SUPPORT FOR WHATEVER HIS NECESSARY TO ENFORCE THE LAW. THEY ADDED THAT THIS INVESTIGATION SHOWS "THAT THE MEXICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM HAS EVOLVED IN VERY UNDEMOCRATIC WAYS." CUAUHTEMOC CARDENAS, QUOTED IN "EL FINANCIERO," SAID THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO LISTEN TO THE POPULAR WILL AND THAT WHEN THE LEGAL INVESTIGATIONS ARE EXTENDED TO OTHER CRIMES OF SALINAS' ADMINISTRATION, THEN "ONE CAN TALK OF A REAL CHANGE IN THE CONDUCT OF JUSTICE IN OUR COUNTRY."

3. THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY'S REACTION HAS COVERED "EL NACIONAL;" WHICH STATED "BUSINESSPEOPLE SHOW FIRM BACKING FOR ZEDILLO IN HIS EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW." VICTOR MANUEL TERRORRES, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CHAMBER FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (CANACINTRA) STATED THAT "THE JUDICIAL INVESTIGATIONS ARE GIVING POLITICAL CERTAINTY IN THE COUNTRY THAT IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME" ("EL FINANCIERO"). FERNANDO CORINTA DEGARRETA, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF INDUSTRIAL CHAMBERS, ASKED THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE, SAYING "WE WANT TO LIVE IN A COUNTRY OF LAWS, WHERE JUSTICE IS APPLIED AND WE CAN LIVE PEACEFULLY" ("EL FINANCIERO"). JOSE MADARIAGA


6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM WRITERS AND ACADEMICS SUPPORT ZEDILLO'S ACTIONS. ENRIQUE KRAUZE, HISTORIAN, SEES THIS AS AN IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SYSTEM TO REFORM ITSELF. ("REFORMA") LORENZO MEYER, A WELL-KNOWN POLITICAL SCIENTIST, NOTED THAT ZEDILLO'S PRESIDENCY NEEDS CREDIBILITY AND IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS "ZEDILLO DECIDED TO BREAK A CENTRAL RULE OF MEXICAN POLITICS: TO NOT PERSECUTE PREDECESSORS IN OFFICE" ("EL FINANCIERO"). MEYER ALSO CALLED THIS "A VERY IMPORTANT HISTORICAL ACT" ("REFORMA"). TEODORO RENTERIA ARROYAVE, IN AN OP-ED PIECE IN "EXCELSIOR," STATED THAT ZEDILLO "IS ON THE ROAD TO BECOMING THE STATESMAN OF DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE." A PIECE BY EPICMENO IBARRA IN "LA JORNADA" Praised ZEDILLO FOR BREAKING WITH TRADITION.
AND URGED HIM TO GO BEYOND THE ASSASSINATIONS OF
COLOSIO AND RUIZ ("TIP OF THE ICEBERG") IN HIS SEARCH
FOR JUSTICE. A WRITER, RICARDO GARIBAY, SAID "THE
IMAGE OF ERNESTO ZEDILLO RISES TO THE CLOUDS, AS DOES
THAT OF THE PAN. WITH SOME JUSTIFICATION AND SOME
UNHEALTHY REASON, THE COUNTRY IS FULL OF JOY"
("REFORMA"). JONES
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REPS: MEXICO 04512 AND PREVIOUS

1. (C) SUMMARY. RAÚL SALINAS, (THE BROTHER OF EX-PRESIDENT CARLOS SALINAS), WHO WAS ARRESTED 2/28 FOR HIS ROLE AS "INTELLECTUAL CO-AUTHOR" OF THE 1994 ASSASSINATION OF JOSE FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSIEU, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRI), HAS LONG BEEN AT THE CENTER OF PUBLISHED AND UNPUBLISHED RUMORS AND ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING HIS ROLE IN QUESTIONABLE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND AFFILIATION WITH NARCOTRAFFICKERS. HE HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF USING HIS INFLUENCE TO "GET" PEOPLE WITH WHOM HE DID NOT AGREE. HE HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN ALLEGED TO HAVE USED HIS VARIOUS GOVERNMENT POSITIONS DURING HIS BROTHER'S ADMINISTRATION TO GARNER LARGE PERCENTAGES OF LUCRATIVE BUSINESS DEALS FOR HIMSELF. IT IS EVEN SAID THAT RAÚL SALINAS'S NEARLY A YEAR OF STUDY AT WAYNE CORNELIUS'S INSTITUTE OF MEXICAN STUDIES IN SAN DIEGO IN 1992 AS GUEST SCHOLAR WAS AN "EXILE" IMPOSED BY HIS BROTHER TO KEEP RAÚL FROM EMBARRASSING HIM FURTHER.

2. (C) OVER TIME, INTELLIGENCE HAVE HEARD MANY OF THESE RUMORS FROM CONTACTS. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE VERACITY OF SOME OF THE MANY ALLEGATIONS WILL BE PROVED (OR DISPROVED) IN THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL. RAÚL SALINAS WILL NOW FACE. END SUMMARY.

MANY REPORTS OF QUESTIONABLE FINANCIAL DEALS...

3. (U) THE ALLEGATIONS REGARDING RAÚL SALINAS' ROLE IN QUESTIONABLE PERSONAL FINANCIAL DEALINGS USING HIS INFLUENCE AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS GO BACK MANY YEARS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN 1993, WHILE HE WAS DIRECTOR OF CONASUPO, A GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT BUYS AND DISTRIBUTES BASIC FOODS, A U.S. PUBLICATION ACCUSED HIM OF MISUSING FUNDS GUARANTEED BY THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. LATER THAT YEAR, WHEN TEXAS OIL ENTREPRENEUR BILL FLANIGAN HAD PROBLEMS DEALING WITH PEMEX (MEXICO'S GOVERNMENT-OWNED OIL COMPANY), SALINAS'S NAME SURFACED AS THE "SILENT PARTNER" OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT COULD "HELP."

4. (U) IN OCTOBER OF THAT YEAR, AN OPPOSITION NATIONAL ACTION PARTY (PAN) DEPUTY FROM AGUASCALIENTES ACCUSED SALINAS OF MANIPULATING A MONOPOLY OF POWDERED MILK IN MEXICO (A CHARGE THE
5. (U) IN APRIL OF 1994, BRITISH IBM EXECUTIVE KAREM MOUSAVI, WHO WAS FIGHTING THE COM IN COURT OVER A MILLION DOLLAR BRIBE WHICH HE ALLEGED GOM OFFICIALS HAD REQUIRED BEFORE IBM COULD BE AWARDED A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE A SOPHISTICATED AIR NAVIGATION CONTROL SYSTEM, SAID THAT SALINAS HAS RECEIVED A TEN PER CENT "COMMISSION" FOR HELPING MITSUBISHI TO OBTAIN A MULTIMILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT TO EXPAND A PEMEX REFINERY IN SANTA CRUZ, OAXACA. "NOT BAD FOR A DAY'S WORK," MOUSAVI IS SAID TO HAVE REMARKED IRONICALLY AT THE TIME. MOUSAVI HAD ALSO ALLEGED A SALINAS CONNECTION TO THE BRIBE REQUEST HIS COMPANY WAS CONTESTING.


7. (C) IN JULY OF 1994, a TOLD EMBASSY ECON MINCOUNS THAT FINANCE MINISTRY (SECOFI) OFFICIALS WERE ATTEMPTING TO LAY THE EVIDENTIAL GROUNDWORK FOR DECLARING A DEFICIT IN LOCAL SUGAR PRODUCTION, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO ACTUAL DEFICIT IN MEXICAN SUGAR PRODUCTION. THE REASON FOR THE EXERCISE WAS TO ALLOW GREAT PROFITS TO BE MADE BY THE PERSON OR PERSONS TO WHOM IMPORT PERMITS WOULD BE AWARDED TO "MAKE UP THE DEFICIT," SAID THAT RAUL SALINAS HAD BENEFITED FROM THIS MANEUVER IN THE EARLY YEARS OF SALINAS' ADMINISTRATION; HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER RAUL SALINAS WAS ALSO BEHIND THE 1994 OPERATION.
8. (U) SALINAS’ ALLEGED TIES TO NARCOTRAFFICKERS HAVE BEEN REMARKED ALMOST AS OFTEN AS HIS QUESTIONABLE BUSINESS DEALINGS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN JUNE OF 1994, WHEN NARCOTRAFFICKER JUAN NEPOMUCENO GUERRA CARDENAS WAS ARRESTED, HE SAID THAT HE AND SALINAS WERE PARTNERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INDUSTRIAL PARK IN TAMALIPAS. IN 1993, A U.S. PERIODICAL ALLEGED THAT SALINAS WAS INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING THROUGH EAGLE PASS, TEXAS.

10. (U) SALINAS WAS REPORTED TO BE THE MENTOR OF A QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL PEASANTS’ GROUP CALLED "ANTORCHA CAMPESINA (PEASANT’S TORCH)." WHEN THEN-PRI LEADER LUIS DONALDO COLOSTO WAS TOURING RURAL PORTIONS OF THE STATE OF MEXICO IN 1990, THE ORGANIZATION HAD HIM STONED.

11. (U) IN 1991, MANU PORNISIERE, LEFT-WING COLUMNIST FOR MEXICO CITY DAILY "EXCELSIOR" REPORTED THAT SALINAS AND HIS BROTHER ENRIQUE "HAD OBTAINED OR WERE ABOUT TO OBTAIN" A FIFTY PER CENT INTEREST A TWENTY FIVE YEAR CONCESSION TO OPERATE MEXICO CITY’S MAJOR RACE TRACK, THE "HIPDROMO DE LAS AMERICANAS," USING THEIR INFLUENCE AND CONNECTIONS. A FEW DAYS LATER, HIS COLUMN WAS CANCELED.

12. (U) IN OCTOBER OF 1993, GUILLERMO GONZALEZ CALDERON, EX-COMMANDANTE OF THE FEDERAL/JUDICIAL POLICE, WAS ARRESTED ON NUMEROUS CHARGES. HE REVEALED THAT HE HAD PROVIDED RAUL SALINAS NUMEROUS WIRETAP RECORDINGS OF CONVERSATIONS INVOLVING PRD LEADER CUAUHTEMOC CARDENAS. (FYI: GOVERNMENT USE OF WIRETAPS IN COURT IS NOT ALLOWED IN MEXICO. END FYI.)
13. (C) THE ABOVE IS ONLY A SAMPLING OF THE MANY, MANY ALLEGATIONS, RUMORS, AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CHARGES AGAINST RAUL SALINAS, HIS QUESTIONABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES, HIS REPORTED TIES TO NARCOTRAFFICKING, AND HIS ALLEGED INFLUENCE PEDDLING. WE OFFER THEM TO PROVIDE READERS A GLIMPSE OF RAUL SALINAS' PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REPUTATION AMONG MEXICANS - A SLEAZEBAG OF IMMENSE PROPORTIONS. WE HAVE HEARD OR READ LITTLE TO DATE WHICH WOULD CONTRADICT THIS IMPRESSION. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE VERACITY OF SOME OF THE MANY ALLEGATIONS WILL BE PROVED (OR DISPROVED) IN THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL RAUL SALINAS WILL NOW FACE.

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SUBJECT: ARREST OF RAUL SALINAS - EXTENDED JUDICIAL PROCEEDING EXPECTED

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Alan Flanagan, Senior Reviewer

UNCLASSIFIED U.S. Department of State Case No. F-2011-06745 Doc No. C17640088 Date: 02/05/2013
TRYING SALINAS: A ONE YEAR PROCESS OR LONGER

1. (C) THE FOLLOWING IS A NUTS AND BOLTS OUTLINE OF WHAT THE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST RAUL SALINAS WILL LOOK LIKE. A SOURCE IN THE FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE (PGR) TOLD POLOPP MARCH 1 THAT THE PGR WILL TRY TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS AND HAVE SALINAS SENTENCED WITHIN ONE YEAR. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT A CAPABLE DEFENSE TEAM MAY EXTEND THE LENGTH OF THE PROCEEDINGS CONSIDERABLY. (MEXICO CITY PRESS REPORTS THAT SALINAS HAS RETAINED "OUTSTANDING" ATTORNEYS GUILLERMO MOLINA REYES, GUILLERMO MOLINA CARRAJAL AND MARIO LOPEZ NAVA TO REPRESENT HIM). SOME COMMENTATORS ARE REFERRING TO THE UPCOMING TRIAL AS MEXICO'S "O.J. SIMPSON" CASE.

ARREST WARRANT/HELD IN MAXIMUM SECURITY

2. (U) RAUL SALINAS WAS ARRESTED ON FEBRUARY 28 FOR THE MURDER OF FORMER PRI SECRETARY JOSE FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSIEU, PURSUANT TO AN ARREST WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE IN TOLUCA ON FEBRUARY 25. THE FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE (PGR) REQUESTED THE WARRANT ON FEBRUARY 24.

3. (U) SALINAS IS NOW BEING HELD IN ALMOLOYA DE JUAREZ MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON IN MEXICO CITY. THIS IS AN UNUSUAL PROCEDURE, SINCE CONVICTED FELONS ARE SENT TO ALMOLOYA. THE GOM HAS EXPLAINED THAT RAUL SALINAS WAS SENT THERE TO ENSURE HIS OWN SECURITY.

72 HOURS FROM ARREST TO BRING FORMAL CHARGES

4. (U) THE PROSECUTOR HAS 72 HOURS FROM THE TIME OF SALINAS' DETENTION TO PRESENT THE STATE'S EVIDENCE TO A FEDERAL JUDGE AND OBTAIN A JUDICIAL DETERMINATION THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO HOLD THE PRISONER AND CONTINUE WITH THE JUDICIAL PROCEEDING -- THE "AUTO DE PRISION FORMAL". THIS WILL ALLOW THE GOM TO HOLD SALINAS DURING THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL. WE DO NOT EXPECT SALINAS WILL BE RELEASED ON BAIL, IN PART BECAUSE MEXICAN PRACTICE IS TO GRANT BAIL IN CASES WHERE THE POSSIBLE PUNISHMENT DOES NOT EXCEED FIVE YEARS.
DATE WILL THEN BE SET FOR A FIRST HEARING, WHERE SALINAS WILL ENTER A PLEA AND BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND FORMALLY TO THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT ON MARCH 2, SALINAS DENIED THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM BEFORE A FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE, IN A HEARING THAT WILL CONTINUE ON MARCH 3.

TRAIL WILL INCLUDE LENGTHY INVESTIGATIVE PHASE


Appeals

7. (U) DEFENDANTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL NOT ONLY AFTER THE TRIAL, BUT AT VARIOUS STAGES DURING THE TRIAL. UNTIL THEY ARE DECIDED, SUCH APPEALS CAN PREVENT THE TRIAL AND ARE THEREFORE A FAVORITE DELAYING TACTIC OF DEFENSE TEAMS.

Comment

8. (C) THE PGR ANTICIPATES THIS WILL BE AT LEAST A YEAR-LONG PROCEEDING, AND THAT RAUL SALINAS'
DEFENSE TEAM WILL ATTEMPT TO DRAG OUT THE PROCESS WITH NUMEROUS APPEALS IN THE HOPES OF TRIPPING UP THE PROSECUTION ON A TECHNICAL ERROR. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT FOR THE GOM TO STICK TO THE LETTER OF THE LAW FOR TACTICAL, AS WELL AS PUBLIC POLICY, REASONS.

9. (C) THE DOMINANT THEME IN THE EXTENSIVE PUBLIC REACTION TO SALINAS’ ARREST HAS BEEN TO WELCOME THIS ACTION AS A DEMONSTRATION OF THE "RULE OF LAW" IN MEXICO. THE PGR, IN ITS STATEMENTS, HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO STRESS THAT THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST RAUL SALINAS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW.

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TROLAN)

E.O. 12356: DECL: QADR
TAGS: PGOV, KJUS, PRL, ECON, CFED, CJAN, MX
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RUIZ MASSIEU EXTRADITION:
BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. JUSTIFICATION FOR NIACT IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE. THE
FOLLOWING CONCERNS A GOM PROVISIONAL ARREST AND
EXTRADITION MATTER WHICH WILL BE ACTED UPON AT OOB
MONDAY AND REQUIRES FOREIGN POLICY AND LEGAL ADVICE THIS
WEEKEND BY USG OFFICIALS. AT STATE, PLEASE NOTIFY ONLY
LESLIE BASSETT IN UNDERSECRETARY TARNOFF'S OFFICE. DOJ
RECIPIENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADVISED BY LEGATT THAT
CABLE IS EN ROUTE.

3. FORMER DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL MARIO RUIZ MASSIEU
HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY CURRENT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR PABLO
CHAPA BEZANILLA, AS A TARGET FOR INVESTIGATION. /CHA

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MEXICO 04849

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Alan
Flanigan, Senior Reviewer

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ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY THIS WEEK THAT HE HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT MARIO RUIZ' INVESTIGATION DURING SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1994 IF HIS BROTHER'S MURDER. SPECIFICALLY, CHAPAS, IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATING BOTH THE RUIZ MASSIEU AND COLOSIO KILLINGS, IS QUESTIONING WHY LEADS MENTIONING FORMER PRESIDENT SALINAS' BROTHER RAUL WERE DROPPED. RAUL SALINAS IS NOW IN CUSTODY CHARGED AS AN INTELLECTUAL AUTHOR OF THE JOSE FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSIEU KILLING.

4. ON THURSDAY MARCH 2, RUIZ TESTIFIED IN MEXICO CITY AT THE PGF OFFICES FOR SOME 6 HOURS. UPON HIS DEPARTURE, HE AND HIS ATTORNEY INDICATED THAT NO FORMAL CHARGES HAD BEEN FILED AGAINST HIM NOR SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS OF WRONGDOING STATED. HE CLAIMED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS A LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN HIS INVESTIGATION AND THAT OF HIS SUCCESSOR AS SPECIAL PROSECUTOR. HOURS AFTER HIS STATEMENTS AT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, RUIZ MASSIEU DEPARTED MEXICO. THE TRIP WAS DESCRIBED WIDELY HERE IN THE PRESS AS A "FLIGHT FROM JUSTICE," ALTHOUGH RUIZ MASSIEU IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT IT WAS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED. PGF REQUESTED FBI ASSISTANCE TO TRACK RUIZ MASSIEU IN THE U.S.

5. RUIZ MASSIEU WAS ARRESTED FRIDAY, MARCH 3 BY U.S. CUSTOMS IN NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PRIOR TO BOARDING THE 20:15 CONTINENTAL FLIGHT NUMBER 32 BOUND FOR MADRID. U.S. CUSTOMS QUESTIONED MASSIEU CONCERNING AMOUNT OF U.S. CURRENCY HE WAS CARRYING. HE STATED HE WAS CARRYING USD 18,000. A COUNTERDISCLOSED THAT HE ACTUALLY HAD IN EXCESS OF USD 40,000. AS A RESULT HE WAS DETAINED FOR PROVIDING A FALSE STATEMENT TO A U.S. OFFICIAL IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18 U.S. CODE SECTION 1001. THE FACT OF HIS DETENTION IS DISPLAYED ON MARCH 4 NEWSPAPER FRONT PAGES HERE.

6. ACCORDING TO PGF SOURCES MARCH 4, THE GOM WILL SEEK PROVISIONAL ARREST AND EXTRADITION OF RUIZ MASSIEU AND EXPECTS TO SEND TO THE EMBASSY THEIR LETTER OF INTENT TO DO SO IN THE NEXT SEVERAL HOURS, WITH A FORMAL ARREST WARRANT TO BE SOUGHT IN MEXICO MONDAY MARCH 6.

7. THE GOM INTENDS TO CHARGE RUIZ WITH INTIMIDATION OF TWO WITNESSES, HARBORING A FUGITIVE (RAUL SALINAS DE GORTARI), AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, WHICH WOULD BE EXTRADITABLE UNDER THE U.S./MEXICO EXTRADITION AGREEMENT. THE GOM SAID IT WILL ALSO NOTE "FLIGHT" AS PART OF THEIR JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROVISIONAL ARREST REQUEST.

8. PRESIDENT ZEDILLO, ATTORNEY GENERAL LOZANO AND SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CHAPA HAVE PLEDGED FULL AND FAIR INVESTIGATIONS OF THE COLOSIO AND RUI MASSIEU MURDERS. THERE IS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FROM THE MEXICAN PUBLIC FOR
GOM EFFORTS TO FIND CONVINCING ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDERS AND LACK OF SUCCESS OF PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS.

9. ONE INDICATION OF THE PUBLIC MOOD AGAINST "COVERUPS" AND FOR "LEGALLY" IS THE WIDESPREAD DERISION THAT GREWED FORMER PRESIDENT SALINAS' SHORT-LIVED HUNGER STRIKE. SALINAS HAD AIMS THE STRIKE, IN PART, AT EXTRACTING SOME PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT SALINAS HAD NOT TRIED TO COVER UP THE COLOSIO INVESTIGATION.

10. WE EXPECT THAT USG RESPONSIVENESS TO A PROPERLY CONSTITUTED GOM REQUEST FOR A PROVISIONAL ARREST AND EXTRADITION WILL BE A STRONG POLITICAL PLUS HERE WITH THE GOM AND THE POPULATION AT LARGE. IT IS LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT RUIZ MASSIEU, WHO SINCE HIS RESIGNATION HAS BECOME AN ADVISOR TO THE OPPOSITION PARTY OF THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION (PRD), WILL PROTEST THAT THE GOM EFFORT AGAINST HIM IS POLITICAL -- DESIGNED TO PUNISH HIM FOR LEAVING THE PRI AND TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM OTHER INVESTIGATION SUSPECTS. WE THINK PUBLIC SUPPORT IN MEXICO FOR SUCH ALLEGATIONS BY RUIZ MASSIEU WILL NOT PROVE SIGNIFICANT.

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1. **CLASSIFIED BY:** SAMUEL BROCK, DEPUTY CHIEF, POLITICAL SECTION, AMEMBASSY MEXICO. **REASON:** 1.5(B.)

2. **SUMMARY.** THE NOVEMBER 15 DETENTION IN GENEVA OF MRS. RAUL SALINAS AND FREEZING OF APPROXIMATELY US$ 100 MILLION OF HER HUSBAND’S MONEY (DEPOSITED UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME) HAS SENT A CHILL UP THE SPINE OF OLD-GUARD MEMBERS OF MEXICO’S RULING INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRI.) (OR AT LEAST THOSE OLD-GUARD MEMBERS WHO WERE CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT.) ONE CAN ALMOST FEEL THE DISCOMFORT AS THOSE CLOSE TO EX-PRESIDENT CARLOS SALINAS DE GORTARI (RAUL’S BROTHER) ASSESS WHETHER PRESIDENT ZEDILLO’S EVIDENT RESOLVE TO WIDEN THE INVESTIGATION WILL LEAD TO EXPOSURE OF OTHER SUDDEN FORTUNES ACCUMULATED DURING CARLOS SALINAS’ SIX YEAR (1988-94) PRESIDENCY. NEWSPAPERS (AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC) ARE WONDERING ALoud HOW RAUL COULD HAVE SPENT YEARS MANIPULATING CONASUPO, MEXICO’S SUBSIDIZED PUBLIC FOOD PURCHASING AND MARKETING CONCERN, TO HIS IMMENSE MONETARY GAIN WITHOUT HIS BROTHER KNOWING. CARLOS’ PUBLIC STATEMENTS EXPRESSING "SURPRISE" OVER THE SIZE OF HIS BROTHER’S BANK ACCOUNT MEET WITH SNICKERS IN THE CAPITAL. THE AFFAIR ILLUSTRATES THE WIDESPREAD "CRONY CAPITALISM" WHICH, IT IS ALLEGED, EMERGED ALONG WITH THE RISE OF PRIVATIZATION IN THE SALINAS ERA - AMONG THE BENEFICIARIES OF ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION WERE FRIENDS AND PARTY INSIDERS WHO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THEIR PROXIMITY TO THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE A KILLING.

3. **AS THE SCANDAL UNFOLDS, SPECULATION IS THAT ZEDILLO’S DETERMINATION TO PURSUE THE INVESTIGATION WHEREVER IT LEADS WILL STRENGTHEN HIM AND HIS ADMINISTRATION IN TWO WAYS. FIRST, IT WILL CONTINUE TO DISTANCE HIM FROM SALINAS AND THE SECTOR OF THE OLD GUARD OF THE PRI WHICH PROFITED FROM DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION. THEY ARE VIEWED WITH DISDAIN OR WORSE BY PRACTICALLY ALL SEGMENTS OF THE MEXICAN PUBLIC AND POLITICAL WORLD. ADDITIONALLY, AS MEMBERS OF THAT STILL INFLUENTIAL OLD GUARD BECOME MORE DEFENSIVE ABOUT EXERTING THEIR INFLUENCE FOR FEAR OF FALLING VICTIM TO INVESTIGATION THEMSELVES, IT WILL PROVIDE ZEDILLO WITH MORE ROOM FOR MANEUVER.
AND LESS PRESSURE FROM THE "DINOSAURS" TO CUT THEM INTO THE ACTION. BUT A WIDENING INVESTIGATION COULD ALSO REPRESENT A THREAT TO ZEDILLO BY WHETTING A PUBLIC APPETITE FOR EXPOSURES THAT CAN ONLY BE SATISFIED BY MORE SCANDALS. THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT SCANDALS COULD TOUCH MEMBERS OF ZEDILLO'S ADMINISTRATION. END SUMMARY.

BUT FIRST, THE FACTS

4. ALTHOUGH THE ARREST EARLIER THIS YEAR OF RAUL SALINAS, INDICTED AS THE INTELLECTUAL AUTHOR OF THE ASSASSINATION OF FORMER PRI CHIEF

JOSE FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSIÉ, SHOCKED THE MEXICAN POLITICAL WORLD AND PROVED TO MANY ZEDILLO'S DESIRE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE ASSASSINATION, IT DID NOT HAVE THE SAME EFFECT ON SALINAS-ERA PRI "DINOSAURS" AS THE ARREST OF RAUL'S WIFE NOVEMBER 16. SHE, APPARENTLY, EXPECTED NO COMPLICATIONS NOVEMBER 15 WHEN SHE WALKED INTO THE GENEVA BANK WHERE HER HUSBAND HAD ACCOUNTS AND, CLAIMING POWER OF ATTORNEY, MADE AN APPOINTMENT TO OPEN HIS SAFE DEPOSIT BOX. THE SWISS CENTRAL NARCOTICS DIVISION (SCN) HAD ADVERSE INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE ACCOUNTS AND NOTIFIED THE BANK, WHICH REFUSED HER ACCESS. (THEY LATER IDENTIFIED THE HOLDER OF THE ACCOUNTS AS SALINAS THROUGH COORDINATION WITH DEA BERN AND DEA MEXICO.) WHEN PATRICIA PAULINA CASTANON RIOS ZERTUCHE DE SALINAS (MRS. SALINAS) MET LATER IN THE DAY WITH HER BROTHER ANTONIO, THE SWISS POLICE DETAINED THEM BOTH FOR QUESTIONING.

5. THE ACCOUNT WAS REGISTERED TO ONE JUAN GUILLERMO GOMEZ GUTIERREZ. WHEN SWISS AUTHORITIES OPENED THE BOX, THEY FOUND PASSPORTS FOR "GOMEZ" AND FOR JUAN JOSE GONZALEZ CADENA (BOTH WITH SALINAS' PICTURE), AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON OTHER SWISS BANK ACCOUNTS. THE SIX ACCOUNTS, LOCATED IN GENEVA AND ZURICH, TURNED OUT TO CONTAIN ABOUT US$ 100 MILLION. THE SWISS HAVE FROZEN THE ACCOUNTS. MRS. SALINAS AND HER BROTHER ARE BEING HELD IN SWITZERLAND FOR MONEY LAUNDERING AND DRUG TRAFFICKING; SWISS PROSECUTORS AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN MEXICO CITY NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS.
6. APPARENTLY SALINAS MAINTAINED OTHER ACCOUNTS IN LONDON, LUXEMBOURG, THE U.S., BELGIUM, GERMANY, AND POSSIBLY THE CAYMANS. ATTORNEY GENERAL LOZANO HAS APPOINTED A REPRESENTATIVE, CURRENTLY IN LONDON (WHERE SALINAS' BANK ACCOUNTS SEEM TO TOTAL AT LEAST USD 20 MILLION), TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE MATTER, CENTERING ON MONEY LAUNDERING. THE GOM IS ALSO CONSIDERING PURSUING A CHARGE OF "ILLEGAL ENRICHMENT," AN ANTI-CORRUPTION PROVISION OF THE MEXICAN CRIMINAL CODE.

WHERE DID THE MONEY COME FROM?

7. ALTHOUGH THE NEWSPAPERS SAY "NARCOTRAFFICKERS," WE HAVE AS YET SEEN LITTLE TO LINK SALINAS WITH NARCOTRAFFICKERS. THE RUMOR IS THAT SALINAS WAS SOMEHOW IN THE PAY OF MAJOR DRUG TRAFFICKER JUAN GARCIA ABREGO.

8. THUS FAR, INDICATIONS SEEM TO POINT INSTEAD TO EXTENSIVE GRIFT, FIRST AS HEAD OF PURCHASING FOR STATE-OWNED FOOD DISTRIBUTION COMBINE CONASUPO, THEN BY ILLEGALLY USING FAMILY INFLUENCE TO ARRANGE LUCRATIVE BUSINESS DEALS, USUALLY IN THE AREA OF FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCTS. IN REPEL, WE DESCRIBED SOME OF THE MANY ALLEGATIONS OF RAUL SALINAS' INFLUENCE PEDDLING AND CORRUPTION WHICH CIRCULATED AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST.

CARLOS IS WHAT MAKES THIS STORY SO IMPORTANT

9. MEXICANS ARE IMMENSELY CYNCICAL ABOUT THEIR GOVERNMENT AND POLITICIANS, ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE PRI. PREVIOUS PRESIDENTS LEFT OFFICE WITH HUGE FORTUNES. MANY HAD THOUGHT CARLOS SALINAS WOULD BE DIFFERENT.

10. CARLOS SALINAS' REPUTATION PLUNGED WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL CRISIS, WHICH BEGAN IN DECEMBER OF 1994, LESS THAN A MONTH AFTER HE LEFT OFFICE. IT SINKS LOWER WITH EACH MONTH THE CRISIS CONTINUES. MANY SUSPECT THAT THE NON-DETECTED SALINAS TOOK A FORTUNE IN ILL-GOTTEN GAINS WITH HIM WHEN HE LEFT OFFICE, BUT BELIEVE THAT THE SELF-PROTECTING NATURE OF
THE MEXICAN POLITICAL WORLD WILL KEEP SUCH INFORMATION FROM EVER BECOMING PUBLIC. THE MEXICAN POLITICAL ELITE'S INTIMATE "CRONY CAPITALISM" RELATIONSHIP WITH MUCH OF THE BUSINESS ELITE MAKES THIS A SCANDAL THAT COULD ROCK POLITICAL CIRCLES. (ONE SIGN OF MEXICANS' FEELINGS ABOUT SALINAS IS A COMMENT SEVERAL EMBASSYS HAVE HEARD FROM CAB DRIVERS ABOUT THE UNUSUALLY COLD AND RAINY WEATHER WHICH MEXICO CITY HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING LATELY - "NOT ONLY DID SALINAS TAKE ALL OF OUR MONEY, NOW HE TOOK THE SUN AS WELL.")

11. CARLOS SALINAS HAS YET TO BE FORMALLY ACCUSED OF ANYTHING. BUT THE STENCH OF RAUL SALINAS' ALLEGED MISDEEDS BECOMES STRONGER EVERY DAY, AND IT SEEMS LESS AND LESS LIKELY THAT CARLOS COULD HAVE BEEN UNAWARE OF WHAT HIS BROTHER WAS UP TO. COULD HE HAVE COLLABORATED WITH RAUL, OR BEEN THE GUIDING FORCE BEHIND HIS GRAFT? AT THE MOMENT, THE MEXICAN PUBLIC WOULD ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS WITH A DISGUSTED "OF COURSE!" THEY ASSUME THAT HE HAS MADE OFF WITH A FORTUNE, AND IS CURRENTLY ENJOYING IT. ACCORDING TO 11/28 RADIO REPORTS, MEXICANS INTERVIEWED IN A RECENT POLL OVERWHELMINGLY OPINED THAT SALINAS STOLE MORE THAN ANY PREVIOUS PRESIDENT.

12. WHERE? NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW. ALTHOUGH PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW HIM CAVORTING ON A BEACH IN CUBA A FEW MONTHS AGO, HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS ARE A WELL-KEPT SECRET. THE SOURCE OF INFINITE SPECULATION IN MEXICO CITY (ALTHOUGH THE U.S. SEEMS TO FIGURE IN MOST GUESSES AS THE CURRENT HIDE-OUT.) HE ISSUED A PUBLIC REACTION EXPRESSING "SURPRISE" AT THE SIZE OF RAUL'S ACCOUNTS THROUGH REPRESENTATIVES IN MEXICO CITY WITHOUT INDICATING FROM WHERE HE WAS REACTING. THE MEXICAN PUBLIC AND PRESS GREETED HIS STATEMENT WITH SNEERS, AND TREATS HIS SECRETIVENESS AS A SIGN OF COMPLICITY AND GUILT.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ZEDILLO . . .AND A THREAT

13. ZEDILLO, WHO STRIKES US AS A CAREFUL, DEFT POLITICAL LEADER, AND VERY MUCH IN CONTROL OF HIS GOVERNMENT, NEVERTHELESS HAS NEVER STRUCK A HIGH POLITICAL PROFILE AND POSSESSES LITTLE OF
THE "CHARISMA" SAID TO BE AN IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTIC OF A SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL LEADER. ALTHOUGH, ACCORDING TO PUBLISHED POLLS AND OUR OWN CONTACTS, FEW MEXICANS DETEST HIM (AND MOST BLAME SALINAS FOR THEIR FINANCIAL CRISIS), FEW ADMIRE HIM, EITHER.

14. AMONG THE ACTIONS FOR WHICH MEXICANS GIVE ZEDILLO CREDIT IS HIS APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO PURSUE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS WHEREVER THEY LEAD, EVEN IF THEY LEAD TO EX-PRESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE ORIGINAL RAUL SALINAS ARREST GAVE A BOOST TO ZEDILLO'S POLL RATINGS.

15. ZEDILLO DISTANCED HIMSELF FROM CARLOS SALINAS PRACTICALLY FROM THE START OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, AND HAS CONTINUED TO DO SO AS SALINAS' Popularity HAS PLUNGED. HE WOULD HAVE HAD LITTLE POLITICALLY TO GAIN FROM ANY ASSOCIATION WITH SALINAS.

16. A MAJOR IMPEDIMENT TO ZEDILLO'S GOALS OF DEMOCRATIZATION AND OF STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW (TO SAY NOTHING OF HIS ECONOMIC REFORMS) HAS BEEN THE PRI OLD GUARD. ZEDILLO HAS FEW CONNECTIONS WITH THE POWER BROKERS OF THE SALINAS-BRA OLD GUARD, PREFERENCE TO DEAL WITH PRI REFORMERS, TECHNOCRATS, BUSINESS LEADERS, LABOR, NON-POLITICIANS, AND MEMBERS OF OPPosition PARTIES WHENEVER POSSIBLE. BUT THE "DINOSAURS" RETAIN CONSIDERABLE POWER, AND MORE THAN ONCE HE HAS HAD TO TRIM HIS SAILS TO ACCOMODATE THEIR PREVAILING WINDS. IF THE INVESTIGATION OF RAUL SALINAS AND HIS FORTUNE LEADS TO DISCOVERY OF ILLICITLY- OBTAINED FORTUNES BY OTHER POWERFUL PARTY FIGURES WITH LINKS TO CARLOS SALINAS, AND IF ZEDILLO DOES NOT FLINCH IN EXPOSING AND PROSECUTING SUCH FIGURES, HE COULD GREATLY WEAKEN THE OLD GUARD'S EXISTING POWER, CONSIDERABLY INCREASING HIS POLITICAL ROOM FOR MANEUVER.

BUT WILL HE RISE TO THE OCCASION?

HIS MAJOR SOURCES OF PUBLIC APPROVAL IS LIKELY TO DRY UP.

MEXICAN PUBLIC WILL DEMAND MORE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE RICH AND POWERFUL THAN THE GOVERNMENT CAN UNCOVER. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES AND CAPACITY OF MEXICO ARE QUITE LIMITED, ESPECIALLY WHEN FACED WITH INFLUENTIAL SUBJECTS, AND IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT IT CAN MOVE SUCCESSFULLY ON MANY FRONTS AT ONCE. THUS, THE PUBLIC MIGHT TURN AGAINST ZEDILLO NOT ONLY IF HE DOES NOT MOVE AHEAD WITH THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION, BUT ALSO IF HIS ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT FIND MORE ANTAGONISTS BEYOND RAUL SALINAS TO EXPOSE AND INVESTIGATE.

ADDITIONALLY, IT IS FAR FROM IMPOSSIBLE THAT WIDENING INVESTIGATIONS OF CORRUPTION COULD IMPLICATE CURRENT MEMBERS OF ZEDILLO'S CABINET, WHICH REPRESENTS A FURTHER THREAT TO ZEDILLO WHICH COULD MAKE HIM RELUCTANT TO MOVE AHEAD ON THIS AND SIMILAR INVESTIGATIONS. ZEDILLO HIMSELF HELD SEVERAL IMPORTANT POSTS UNDER SALINAS. ALTHOUGH ZEDILLO IS TRYING HARD TO CLEAN UP A THOROUGHLY CORRUPT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEM, HE IS HIMSELF A PRODUCT OF THAT SYSTEM, MEANING THAT HE RUNS HIGH POLITICAL RISKS IN DOING THE RIGHT THING.

BUT THE SCANDAL SHOULD PLAY INTO ZEDILLO'S HANDS IN ANOTHER WAY. ZEDILLO'S EFFORTS TO SWEEPINGLY OVERHAUL MEXICO'S CRIMINAL LAW CODE SHOULD BE AIDED BY THIS PUBLIC ILLUSTRATION OF THE CURRENT LACK OF EFFECTIVE METHODS. THE PRESS HAS COMMENTED WITH APPRECIATION THAT THE CURRENT REVELATIONS WOULD NOT HAVE COME ABOUT WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF FOREIGN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, SUCH AS THOSE OF THE U.S. AND SWITZERLAND.

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DEA FOR AUFLICK
FBI FOR RILEY, RINGGOLD
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TAGS: KJUS, SNAR, PGOV, MX
SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL LOZANO ON CARTELS,
SALINAS CASE AND OTHER ISSUES

REF: MEXICO 22853

1. CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JAMES R. JONES,
U.S. EMBASSY MEXICO. REASON: 1.5 (B).

2. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST -- SEE PARA 12.

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Alan Flanagan,
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UNCLASSIFIED U.S. Department of State Case No. F-2011-06745 Doc No. C17640103 Date: 02/05/2013
3. SUMMARY: AG LOZANO TOLD AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 28 THAT HIS OFFICE IS CLOSE TO ARRESTING FOUR KEY CARTEL FIGURES: JUAN GARCIA ABREGO; OSCAR MALHERBE; THE FELIX ARELLANO BROTHERS; AND HUMBERTO BANUELOS RODRIGUEZ (AKA "LA RANA"). LOZANO ALSO SAID ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT YET UNCOVERED LINKS BETWEEN THE FUNDS IN RAUL SALINAS' POSSESSION AND NARCOTRAFFICKERS, HE IS WORKING ON THIS AND BELIEVES THAT PRESIDENT SALINAS' FORMER PRIVATE SECRETARY, JUSTO CEJA, MAY BE A KEY FIGURE IN ESTABLISHING SUCH TIES. SEE ACTION REQUEST, PARA. 10. LOZANO ALSO PREDICTED ACTION ON EXTRADITION CASES (LABARON, MARTINEZ AND ANGEL ROBLES); PROSECUTIONS FOR PGR OFFICIALS USING STOLEN CARS; AND MORE PRESSURE ON NARCOTRAFFICKERS IN CHIHUAHUA. END SUMMARY.

ARREST OF CARTEL LEADERS.

4. AMBASSADOR, LEGATT AND POLOFF CALLED ON FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL ANTONIO LOZANO ON NOVEMBER 28. DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE PROGRAM REPORTED REFTEL. AMBASSADOR ASKED LOZANO ABOUT INVESTIGATIONS INTO AND POSSIBLE ARRESTS OF MAJOR CARTEL LEADERS. LOZANO SAID HIS OFFICE IS CLOSE TO ARRESTING FOUR KEY CARTEL FIGURES: JUAN GARCIA ABREGO; OSCAR MALHERBE; THE FELIX ARELLANO BROTHERS; AND HUMBERTO BANUELOS RODRIGUEZ (AKA "LA RANA") (WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH MURDERS OF CARDINAL POSADAS AND JALISCO EX-ATTORNEY GENERAL LEOBARDO LARIOS).

5. LOZANO SAID THAT HE HAS AN OPERATION TO CAPTURE THESE NARCOS IN THEIR HIDING PLACES. HE STRESSED THAT THEY ARE ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO GETTING GARCIA ABREGO AND HAVE FOUR RESIDENCES THAT THEY BELIEVE ARE USED BY GARCIA ABREGO UNDER SURVEILLANCE. IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE UNDER SURVEILLANCE A WOMAN BELIEVED TO BE ONE OF GARCIA ABREGO'S GIRL FRIENDS. LOZANO SAID THAT GARCIA ABREGO COULD BE ARRESTED "AT ANY MOMENT," ALTHOUGH HE CAUTIONED THAT IN THIS TYPE OF OPERATION SOME PATIENCE IS REQUIRED UNTIL GARCIA ABREGO ACTUALLY TURNS UP AT ONE OF THESE SITES. REGARDING MALHERBE, LOZANO SAID THAT ONE OF HIS GIRL FRIENDS AS WELL AS SEVERAL RESIDENCES, INCLUDING AN ISLAND RETREAT OFF TAMALIPAS, ARE UNDER SURVEILLANCE. LOZANO BELIEVES AN IMMEDIATE ARREST IS POSSIBLE IN THIS CASE AS WELL.

6. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THESE LEADING
CARTTEL FIGURES ARE DIFFICULT TO TRACK DOWN AND THAT IN THE PAST, THEY HAVE OFTEN RECEIVED TIPS FROM INSIDE THE SECURITY FORCES. LOZANO AGREED, AND SAID EACH OF THESE INVESTIGATION IS BEING RUN ON THREE SEPARATE TRACKS: ONE WORKING WITH PEOPLE CONNECTED TO THE NARCOTRAFFICKERS; ANOTHER WITH EX-MILITARY OFFICERS; AND A THIRD USING PEOPLE FROM THE FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE (PGR).

CARRILLO FUENTES - MORE PRESSURE IN CHIHUAHUA

7. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE GROUP HEADED BY AMADO CARRILLO FUENTES IN CIUDAD JUAREZ. LOZANO RESPONDED THAT THE CHANGEOVER OF PGR PERSONNEL IN CHIHUAHUA WILL INCREASE THE PRESSURE ON NARCOTRAFFICKERS IN CHIHUAHUA AND IMPROVE RESULTS IN THAT STATE (THE PGR HAS ABOUT 140 NEW OPERATIVES IN CHIHUAHUA, 70 SECONDED FROM THE ARMY AND 70 NEW RECRUITS WHO ARE THE FIRST CLASS OF THEIR NEW ACADEMY).

RAUL SALINAS - MONEY AND LINKS TO NARCOS

8. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED IF LOZANO HAD DISCOVERED ANY LINKS BETWEEN THE FUNDS IN RAUL SALINAS’ POSSESSION AND NARCOTRAFFICKERS. LOZANO REPLIED THAT HE HAS NOT YET UNCOVERED SUCH LINKS. HE SAID THAT IT APPEARS RAUL SALINAS MAY HAVE AS MUCH AS ONE BILLION USD IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS AND PROPERTIES IN MEXICO AND OVERSEAS (HE DISCOUNTED PRESS REPORTS OF A FORTUNE OF UP TO USD 15 BILLION). HE SAID THAT THE GOM HAS DISCOVERED THAT RAUL SALINAS HAD AT LEAST TWO ALTERNATE IDENTITIES AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF COMPANIES THROUGH WHICH HE DID BUSINESS. LOZANO NOTED THAT WHILE HE HAS NOT YET LINKED THE MONEY TO NARCOTRAFFICKING, HE DOUBTS THAT RAUL WILL BE ABLE TO PROVE A LEGITIMATE ORIGIN FOR THESE FUNDS. LOZANO NOTED THAT RAUL APPEARS TO HAVE USED CITIBANK MEXICO FOR MOST OF HIS OVERSEAS TRANSFERS. WHILE THE BANK WAS AT FIRST RELUCTANT TO COOPERATE, HE SAYS IT CAME AROUND ONCE IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT FAILURE TO COOPERATE COULD LEAD TO THE ASSUMPTION THAT IT WAS INVOLVED IN RAUL’S MONEY LAUNDERING SCHEMES.
9. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED IF THE USG COULD DO ANYTHING TO ASSIST IN THIS INVESTIGATION. LEGATT NOTED THAT THE PGR COULD REQUEST, PURSUANT TO THE MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATY, THAT THE USG SEARCH FOR ACCOUNTS IN RAUL'S NAME, AS WELL AS HIS ALIASES, HIS WIFE'S NAME, COMPANY NAMES ETC. LOZANO AGREED THIS WOULD BE A GOOD APPROACH AND SAID HE WOULD ASK ASSISTANT AG ESTRADA TO MAKE SUCH A REQUEST.

10. LOZANO NOTED THAT THE PGR HAS INFORMATION THAT FORMER PRIVATE SECRETARY OF CARLOS SALINAS, JUSTO CEJA, RECEIVED MONEY FROM RODOLFO LEON ARAGON (FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE AND A FIGURE LINKED TO THE MEXICAN CARTELS). LEON IS ALSO LINKED TO GENERAL DOMIRO GARCIA, WHO COMMANDED SLAIN PRI PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE COLOSIO'S SECURITY TEAM.

11. LOZANO ADDED THAT CEJA GAVE MONEY TO RAUL SALINAS. CEJA IS BELIEVED TO BE CURRENTLY IN CANADA. LOZANO BELIEVES THAT HE IS A KEY FIGURE IN ESTABLISHING THE LINKS BETWEEN RAUL SALINAS AND THE CARTELS, AND WANTS TO ACCELERATE THE INVESTIGATION INTO HIS ACTIVITIES. LOZANO ASKED IF THE USG HAS ANY INFORMATION ON CEJA THAT IT COULD SHARE WITH THE GOM. HE NOTED THAT AN ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY IN SAN ANTONIO, GLEN MCTAGGERT, WAS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO CEJA'S NARCO LINKS AND ADVISED THE PGR THAT HE WOULD SUGGEST CEJA SHOULD HE COME TO THE U.S. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO LOZANO'S REQUEST.

12. ACTION REQUEST: EMBASSY REQUESTS WASHINGTON CONSIDER WHAT INFORMATION COULD BE PASSED ON TO LOZANO. END ACTION REQUEST.

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13. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED ABOUT THE CASE AGAINST RAUL SALINAS FOR THE MURDER OF RUIZ MASSEIU. LOZANO RESPONDED THAT THE CASE AGAINST RAUL IS EXTREMELY STRONG AND THAT HE EXPECTED A CONVICTION ON THIS CHARGE BY AROUND FEBRUARY OF 1996. ASKED ABOUT PROGRESS IN THE COLOSIO CASE, LOZANO SAID THAT PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN THE INVESTIGATION BUT DID NOT PROVIDE ANY DETAILS. ASKED IF HE HAD DEVELOPED INFORMATION REGARDING
LINKS BETWEEN CARLOS SALINAS AND EITHER THE ASSASSINATIONS AND/OR THE FUNDS IN RAUL’S POSSESSION, LOZANO RESPONDED "NOT YET, BUT WE ARE NOT RULING ANYTHING OUT".

EXTRADICTION CASES

14. THE AMBASSADOR RAISED PENDING EXTRADICTION CASES, INCLUDING AARON LABARON, LUIS MARTINEZ AND TIRSO ANGEL ROBLES. LOZANO SAID HE HOPES THE LABARON MATTER WILL BE RESOLVED THIS WEEK OR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4. HE NOTED THAT THE CONTROVERSY BETWEEN THE TWO MEXICAN JUDGES INVOLVED IN THE LABARON CASE WAS RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF THE JUDGE IN CIUDAD JUAREZ. THE CASE FILE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE JUDGE IN CIUDAD JUAREZ DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20. HE ADDED THAT THE PGR HAS CONVEYED TO THE JUDGE IN CIUDAD JUAREZ ITS INTEREST IN A PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER.

15. REGARDING LUIS MARTINEZ, LOZANO NOTED THAT HE IS APPEALING HIS CONVICTION AND THAT IF THE CONVICTION IS OVERTURNED, "THEN WE CAN TURN HIM OVER TO YOU." LOZANO SAID PGR WILL RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF MARTINEZ’ APPEAL SO THAT HE WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXTRADICTION IMMEDIATELY. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED WHEN THE APPEAL WOULD BE DECIDED, AND LOZANO SAID HE WOULD GET THAT INFORMATION TO U.S. THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4. REGARDING THE TIRSO CASE, LOZANO SAID HE HAS ORDERED A SPECIAL GROUP TO LOOK FOR HIM, ADDING THAT IF THE USG HAS ANY INFORMATION ON THIS INDIVIDUAL THE PGR WOULD APPRECIATE IT. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE EMBASSY HAS ALREADY REQUESTED SUCH INFORMATION.

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17. TURNING TO THE ISSUE OF CARS STOLEN IN THE U.S. AND BROUGHT TO MEXICO, THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR A BATCH OF ABOUT 50 CARS RECENTLY RETURNED TO THE U.S. HE NOTED,

HOWEVER, THAT THESE CARS HAD BEEN IN THE POSSESSION OF PGR OFFICIALS. LOZANO SAID THAT THE PGR IS PURSUING BOTH ADMINISTRATIVE AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THE OFFICERS INVOLVED. LOZANO ADDED THAT HE HAS BEGUN INVESTIGATIONS IN THESE TYPES OF ABUSES IN THE STATES OF SONORA AND BAJA CALIFORNIA AND WILL SOON HAVE THEM ALL ACROSS THE BORDER. HE NOTED THAT HE IS PUBLISHING A DIRECTIVE TO PGR OFFICIALS WARNING THEM OF SEVERE PENALTIES FOR THIS TYPE OF INFRACTION.

U.S. COORDINATOR FOR BORDER LAW ENFORCEMENT

18. THE AMBASSADOR ADVISED LOZANO THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL RENO HAS NAMED THE U.S. ATTORNEY IN SAN DIEGO, ALAN BURSEN, TO COORDINATE BORDER LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES ON THE U.S. SIDE. LOZANO NOTED THE INFORMATION AND THANKED THE AMBASSADOR FOR HIS VISIT.

COMMENT

19. PREPARING FOR HIS TRIP TO BUENOS AIRES TO ATTEND A MONEY LAUNDERING CONFERENCE, LOZANO WAS WELL INFORMED AND CONFIDENT ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AND APPEARED WILLING TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US TO REACH HIGHER LEVELS OF COOPERATION.

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SECRET MEXICO 22908
1. CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JAMES R. JONES. REASONS: 1.5(B) AND 1.5(D).

2. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR MET DECEMBER 1 WITH PRESIDENTIAL CHIEF OF STAFF LUIS TELLEZ. ISSUES RAISED INCLUDE: RUIZ MASSIEU EXTRADITION CASE, THE PROSECUTION OF CORRUPT MEXICAN OFFICIALS AND U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THAT EFFORT, AND CITIBANK'S CONCERNS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN HARRASSED BY MEXICAN OFFICIALS IN THE RAUL SALINAS SCANDAL. COMMERCIAL DISPUTES INVOLVING BELL ATLANTIC AND SCHNEIDER TRUCKING ARE DISCUSSED SEPERATELY. AMBASSADOR WILL MEET AGAIN WITH TELLEZ ON DECEMBER 5. END SUMMARY.

RUZ MASSIEU: "U.S. NOT COOPERATING"

3. TELLEZ BROUGHT UP THREE ISSUES THAT PRESIDENT ZEDILLO HAD ASKED HIM TO RAISE WITH AMBASSADOR. FIRST: 25X6

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Alan Flanigan, Senior Reviewer
That U.S. law enforcement agencies are not cooperating in turning over information that will insure the success of Mexican efforts to prosecute Ruiz Massieu, a man the U.S. identified as "dirty."

4. Zedillo, through Tellez, expressed his concern that U.S. law enforcement agencies may be trying to make a deal with Ruiz Massieu. Ambassador said that he had asked this question before and was assured that no law enforcement agency is seeking a deal with Ruiz Massieu. He said that he would check again to make sure.

Zedillo intends to go after all wrong-doers.

5. Second, Tellez said that Zedillo had said but he also wanted to prosecute.

but he does not want to pursue this unless U.S. law enforcement furnishes him some credible evidence. He would like the ambassador to deal with him directly on any information we have.

6. Third, Zedillo assured ambassador that the Gom plans to go "all the way" to prosecute Raul Salinas and any others who might be involved. And this includes ex-president Carlos Salinas. Again, Zedillo asked through Tellez that if there is any information or evidence the U.S. has on anything or anyone who might be involved, he would like to have it. Because of the potential sensitivity of such an investigation, it was suggested that ambassador work directly with President Zedillo on this.

Citibank concerns over role in Salinas scandal.

7. Ambassador raised the concern Citibank Mexico has of leaks coming from the FGR that damage Citibank's image. Ambassador reported that Citibank says it has cooperated fully with the Mexican banking commission. It found that Raul Salinas had no accounts in his own name or an alias with Citibank Mexico. In 1993 and 1994,
CITIBANK MEXICO HAD WIRE-TRANSFERRED USDOLS 67 MILLION TO NEW YORK WHICH WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO SWITZERLAND IN THE NAME OF RAUL SALINAS. THESE FUNDS WERE IN PESOS, MOSTLY IN CASHIER CHECKS. NO OTHER TRANSFERS WERE MADE UNDER ANY OF THE KNOWN ALIASES OF RAUL SALINAS. TELLEZ SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE PGR LEAKS AND TRY TO STOP THEM.

8. AMBASSADOR AND TELLEZ AGREED TO MEET AGAIN LATE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

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TAGS: PGOV, KIUS, PINR, PHUM, MX
SUBJECT: GOM STRATEGIST DECRIES "LYNCH MOB"
MOOD RE SALINAS BROTHERS, CORRUPTION

REF: MEXICO 22909

1. SECRET -- ENTIRE TEXT. CLASSIFIED BY SAMUEL BROCK, DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION.
REASONS: 1.5(B) AND 1.5(D).

2. SUMMARY: UNDER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR FOR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, NATIVIDAD GONZALEZ PARRAS, HAS BEEN LEADING GOM EFFORTS TO CALM EXPECTATIONS THAT THE GOM WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE QUICKLY AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT CARLOS SALINAS AND HIS BROTHER RAUL IN CORRUPTION AND MURDER INVESTIGATIONS. GONZALEZ HAS PUBLICLY DECRIED A "LYNCH MOB" ATMOSPHERE REGARDING THE SALINAS BROTHERS AND CRITICIZED BUSINESSMEN FOR CLAIMING THAT MOST MEXICAN PUBLIC OFFICIALS ARE CORRUPT. GONZALEZ TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT HE PERSONALLY BELIEVES THAT RAUL SALINAS ORDERED THE 1994 MURDER OF RULING PARTY PRESIDENT FRANCISCO RUIZ MASSEIU, BUT THAT UNTIL EVIDENCE CAN BE FOUND THAT WILL STAND UP IN COURT, PUBLIC FIGURES SHOULD AVOID JOINING THE MEDIA CIRCUS THAT HAS ALREADY CONVICTED THE SALINAS BROTHERS IN THE COURT OF PUBLIC OPINION. GONZALEZ ALSO POINTED OUT THAT POLITICAL CORRUPTION IS INSEPARABLE

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FROM BUSINESS AND LABOR UNION CORRUPTION.  END SUMMARY.

PUBLIC DENUNCIATION OF "LYNCH MOB" MOOD

3. DURING THE DECEMBER 4 MEETING OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS, ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED TOP BUSINESSPEOPLE BURST INTO APPLAUSE WHEN SOMEONE ASKED GONZALEZ IF THE GOM WOULD INVESTIGATE AND PUNISH CORRUPT PUBLIC OFFICIALS WITH THE SAME TEN-YEAR RETROACTIVE APPLICATION S IS USED FOR TAX EVASION CASES. THE NORMALLY URBANE GONZALEZ SNAPPED THAT THE QUESTIONER SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF HIMSELF FOR IMPLIED THAT PUBLIC SERVANTS GENERALLY ARE ANY MORE CORRUPT THAN ARE BUSINESSPEOPLE, LABOR UNION LEADERS OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZED GROUP IN MEXICO. REFERRING TO THE PUBLIC OUTCRY AGAINST CARLOS AND RAUL SALINAS, GONZALEZ ASKED THE BUSINESSPEOPLE NOT TO ADD TO THE "LYNCH MOB CLIMATE" AND TO INSTEAD SUPPORT APPLICATION OF THE LAW. GONZALEZ STRESSED THAT THE POLITICAL SYSTEM HAS TO BE TRANSFORMED IN ORDER TO ALLOW FULL RULE OF LAW, BUT THAT CHANGE HAS TO BE MANAGED "REASONABLY" TO AVOID CHAOS.

POLITICAL, BUSINESS CORRUPTION LINKED

4. IN EXPLAINING HIS COMMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIALISTS' ASSOCIATION REGARDING CORRUPTION, GONZALEZ SAID THAT HE IS TIRED OF DENUNCIATIONS OF POLITICAL CORRUPTION THAT FAIL TO ALSO DENOUNCE BUSINESS AND LABOR UNION CORRUPTION. GONZALEZ POINTED OUT THAT PUBLIC OFFICIALS HITTING UP BUSINESSES FOR BRIBES IS ONLY ONE PART OF THE CORRUPTION PHENOMENON. MUCH MORE SIGNIFICANT CORRUPTION TAKES PLACE, HE SAID, WHEN BUSINESSES INITIATE ILLEGAL DEALS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN UNFAIR PROTECTION FROM COMPETITORS OR OTHER SPECIAL FAVORS. IN PRIVATE, GONZALEZ REFERRED TO THE INDUSTRIALISTS' ASSOCIATION COMPLAINING ABOUT OFFICIAL CORRUPTION: "THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK."

GONZALEZ SAYS RAUL SALINAS ORDERED RUÍZ KILLED

5. GONZALEZ TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT HE PERSONALLY IS CONVINCED THAT RAUL SALINAS ORDERED THE ASSASSINATION OF FRANCISCO RUÍZ.
MASSIEU. GONZALEZ SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN POLITICALLY CLOSE TO RUIZ MASSIEU AND WELL AWARE OF DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO MEN.

HOWEVER, GONZALEZ BROUGHT THE MATTER UP TO ILLUSTRATE HIS POINT THAT PUBLIC OFFICIALS

COULD NOT MAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SUCH MATTERS, EXCEPT TO PRESS FOR LEGAL INVESTIGATION.

6. COMMENT: GONZALEZ' REMARKS ABOUT AVOIDING A BROTHERS SHOULD BE TAKEN AS REFLECTING GOM POLICY TO LOWER PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS. THE GOM CANNOT AFFORD TO SEEM TO PROMISE MORE THAN IT CAN DELIVER EITHER FOR POLITICAL OR LEGAL REASONS.

GONZALEZ' COMMENTS ABOUT BUSINESS AND LABOR SHARING THE BLAME FOR CORRUPTION DOES NOT SEEM TO REFLECT ANY OFFICIAL POLICY LINE, BUT RATHER IS A DEMONSTRATION OF THE FRUSTRATION AND FEAR THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEM FEEL REGARDING THE BROAD, FORMLESS ANGER WELLING UP FROM THE MEXICAN PEOPLE REGARDING CORRUPTION.

END COMMENT.

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