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SUBJECT: TRAINING OF MEXICAN POLICE

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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HURWITZ AND
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1. NOT HAVING HEARD FROM GALLASTEGUI THIS MORNING I TELEPHONED HIM AT 11:30 A.M. JUST BEFORE LEAVING FOR MY APPOINTMENT WITH SANCHEZ VARGAS. HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM USG, "NOT TO WORRY ... PROPER MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN" TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM I HAD RAISED WITH HIM YESTERDAY. WHEN ASKED HE SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO ELABORATE AT THIS TIME BUT REPEATED, "DON'T WORRY, IT'S ALL HANDLED."

2. I ASKED IF HE THOUGHT SUBJECT WOULD BE RAISED BY SANCHEZ VARGAS OR, IF NOT, IF HE SAW ANY REASON WHY I SHOULD RAISE IT. ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS SANCHEZ VARGAS MIGHT HAVE. HE SAID HE THOUGHT NOT ON BOTH COUNTS BUT WANTED TO CHECK WITH FONSECA RABASA. HE CALLED BACK IN A FEW MINUTES TO SAY HE DID NOT EXPECT IT TO COME UP AND INDICATED I SHOULD NOT RAISE IT.

3. AT OUTSET OF MY PRIVATE NOON MEETING WITH SANCHEZ VARGAS ON OTHER SUBJECTS (SEPTEL) HE REFERRED TO HIS PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON JUNE 10 RIOTS. HE TALKED OF HIS NEED TO BE "PRUDENT"

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AND "DISCREET" AND TO BE EVER MINDFUL IN HIS REPORT OF SERVING THE TRUE INTERESTS OF THE MEXICAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT. THESE REMARKS -- COUPLED WITH HIS INTIMATE, CONFIDENTIAL MANNER -- I TOOK TO BE OBLIQUE INDICATION THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF US POLICE TRAINING FOR ALLEGED MEMBERS OF "HALCONES" AND HAD NO INTENTION OF ALLOWING USG TO BE DAMAGED IN ANY WAY BY HIS INVESTIGATION OR REPORT.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THE RESPONSIBLE GOM OFFICIALS ARE SEEING THEIR DUTY AND DOING IT, ALTHOUGH WE CONTINUE TO DOUBT THEY WILL BE 100 PERCENT SUCCESSFUL IN FORESTALLING ATTEMPTS SOMEWHERE IN THE PRESS OR MAGAZINES TO LINK US WITH DIAZ ESCOBAR AND "HALCONES." IN ANY CASE, THERE IS NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO NOW. WE MUST WAIT AND DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM FURTHER WHEN AND IF IT ARISES.

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