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WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL LOZANO

1. CLASSIFIED BY JAMES R. JONES, AMBASSADOR.
REASON: 1.5(B).

2. AMBASSADOR MET NOVEMBER 13 WITH MEXICAN
ATTORNEY GENERAL ANTONIO LOZANO GRACIA AT THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN MEXICO CITY.
FOLLOWING ARE MAJOR TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE
MEETING.

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JOINT EFFORTS IN FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

3. AMBASSADOR TOLD LOZANO THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED
WITH PRESIDENT ZEDILLO THE POSSIBILITY OF
CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT UNIT CONSISTING OF
ELEMENTS OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE AND LAW
ENFORCEMENT AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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(PGR) TO ASSIST IN LOZANO'S EFFORTS TO FIGHT NARCO- TRAFFICKING AND THE ATTENDANT CORRUPTION THAT FLOWS FROM IT. THE ELITE UNIT WOULD FOCUS PARTICULARLY ON ROOTING OUT CORRUPTION IN MEXICAN POLICE, JUDICIAL, AND POLITICAL CIRCLES. AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT HE WAS SPEAKING IN CONCEPTS, NOT OFFICIALLY, AND THAT ANY SUCH PROGRAM WOULD HAVE TO BE DESIGNED AND APPROVED THROUGH THE INTER-AGENCY PROCESS IN WASHINGTON.

4. AFTER DESCRIBING THE CONCEPT OF SELECTING, VETTING, INITIAL TESTING AND CONTINUOUS TESTING OF THE JOINT UNIT IN ORDER TO DEVELOP AN ORGANIZATION THAT COULD BE TRUSTED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG CARTELS AND CORRUPTION, ATTORNEY GENERAL LOZANO SAID THAT HE LIKED THE CONCEPT. LOZANO SAID THAT THEY ARE IMPLEMENTING A FORM OF THIS WITH SOME OF THEIR UNITS IN THE BORDER AREAS.

5. LOZANO SAID HE WOULD PREFER TO INITIATE SUCH A JOINT OPERATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE "ELITE

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NIT" BEING RECOMMENDED IN THE PROPOSED
LEGISLATION TO FIGHT ORGANIZED CRIME RATHER THAN
TO WORK WITH INCD, THE GOM'S COUNTER-NARCOTICS
UNIT. BECAUSE CONGRESS- IONAL APPROVAL OF THIS
CRIME LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE
THE ELITE UNIT, IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE AN
EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF CONGRESS IN JANUARY OR
FEBRUARY, LOZANO SAID IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO
DISCUSS THIS, EXCEPT AS A CONCEPT, AT THIS TIME.

CRIME BILL: APPROVAL WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED

6. CONCERNING CRIME LEGISLATION PENDING IN THE
MEXICAN CONGRESS, LOZANO CONFIRMED THAT HE DID
NOT THINK IT COULD BE PASSED IN THIS REGULAR
SESSION, WHICH ADJOURNS DECEMBER 15. ONE REASON
IS THAT IT APPEARS THERE WILL NEED TO BE

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS IN ORDER TO PASS
LEGISLATION DEALING WITH SUCH ISSUES AS

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WIRETAPPING, CONSPIRACY ETC. LOZANO FELT THAT
CONGRESS COULD PASS THE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS IN THIS SESSION AND THAT THE
NECESSARY STATES COULD RATIFY THE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS WITHIN TWO OR THREE WEEKS THEREAFTER.

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. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT BASED UPON WHAT EMBASSY
KNEW ABOUT THE DRAFT LEGISLATION ON MONEY

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LAUNDERING, IT WAS BASICALLY A VERY SOUND
PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED
CONCERNS ABOUT BANK REPORTING REQUIREMENTS NOT
BEING REQUIRED AS IN THE UNITED STATES.

INCD DIRECTOR MAY BE REPLACED

8. LOZANO CONFIRMED THAT INCD DIRECTOR PAZ ORTA
MAY BE REPLACED, ALTHOUGH A FINAL DECISION HAS
NOT BEEN MADE. HE SAID THAT THE REPLACEMENT
WOULD NOT BE BECAUSE OF ANY QUESTION ABOUT PAZ
ORTA'S INTEGRITY. LOZANO SAID THAT HE GAVE PAZ
ORTA THE ORDER TO CATCH GULF CARTEL LEADER
GARCIA ABREGO AND GAVE HIM ONE MONTH TO DO IT.
LOZANO SAID GARCIA ABREGO HAS SLIPPED AWAY WHEN
THEY THOUGHT HE WOULD BE CAUGHT.

COLOSIO CASE: HOPES TO WRAP UP BY YEAR'S END

9. ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE COLOSIO
ASSASSINATION CASE, LOZANO SAID HE IS TRYING TO
WIND UP THE CASE BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THERE
ARE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE CONVICTED SHOOTER,
ABURTO, AND "HIGHER UPS." HE SAID THAT FORMER
PRESIDENT SALINAS IS NOT IMPLICATED "AT THIS
TIME." THERE IS A POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN
ABURTO AND 4 OR 5 PERSONS AT VERY HIGH LEVELS.

RUIZ MASSIEU MURDER: SALINAS WILL BE CONVICTED

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10. WITH REGARD TO RAUL SALINAS, LOZANO SAYS THAT THE CASE AGAINST HIM IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUIZ MASSIEU ASSASSINATION APPEARS TO BE VERY STRONG. HE EXPECTS A CONVICTION AND SENTENCING BY NEXT FEBRUARY. HE ALSO EXPECTS TO FILE OTHER CHARGES SUCH AS ILLICIT ENRICHMENT AGAINST RAUL SALINAS.

STATUS OF SEVERAL EXTRADITION CASES

11. AMBASSADOR RAISED THE NEED FOR ACTION ON EXTRADITING WANTED CRIMINALS TO THE U.S. AND SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED THE CASES OF AARON LEBARON, LUIS MARTINEZ AND TIRSO ANGEL ROBLES. LOZANO PROMISED TO LOOK INTO ALL THREE AND REPORT BACK TO AMBASSADOR.

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12. AMBASSADOR SPOKE AGAIN WITH LOZANO ON
NOVEMBER 15 ABOUT THESE CASES. LOZANO SAID THAT
MEXICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO
LOCATE TIRSO ANGEL ROBLES AND HE ASKED FOR ANY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM US ON HIS WHEREABOUTS.

13. REGARDING AARON LEBARON, LOZANO SAID HE IS
TRYING TO REACH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME
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COURT TO CLARIFY A TIME FRAME ON THIS CASE.
APPARENTLY, TWO DIFFERENT COURTS ARE CLAIMING
JURISDICTION ON THE LEBARON CASE AND THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT WILL HAVE TO
SSIGN IT. LOZANO OPINED THAT THIS CASE SHOULD
NOT BE A PROBLEM FOR EXTRADITION. AMBASSADOR
URGED URGENCY TO ACT.

14. ON LUIS MARTINEZ, LOZANO SAID HE IS FINDING
OUT HOW MUCH OF HIS SENTENCE HE HAS SERVED. HE
UNDERSTANDS IT TO BE ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF
YEARS. LOZANO SAID HE UNDERSTANDS MARTINEZ IS
APPEALING HIS CONVICTION. IF HIS APPEAL
SUCCEEDS IN ELIMINATING OR REDUCING HIS
SENTENCE, MARTINEZ WILL BE ELIGIBLE THEN TO BE

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EXTRADITED AND LOZANO SAID HE WOULD PROCEED. IF HIS APPEAL FAILS, LOZANO SAID EXTRADITION WOULD HAVE TO WAIT, UNDER MEXICAN LAW, UNTIL MARTINEZ IS ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE.

5. AMBASSADOR SENT A FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO LOZANO ASKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ARREST AND SENTENCING OF MARTINEZ AND EXPRESSED A CONCERN THAT SAID ARREST MAY HAVE OCCURRED AFTER OUR EXTRADITION REQUEST WAS APPROVED.
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