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TO : Department of State

INFO : Amembassy MEXICO CITY

FROM : Amconsul MONTERREY

DATE: November 6, 1967

SUBJECT : Training for Nuevo León State Security Officials

REF : Monterrey 47 of August 12, 1967 and State 21559 of August 16, 1967

1. The Consulate General has now received complete and detailed confirmation of the appreciation of the new Administration of the State of Nuevo León for the program of training, orientation and visits arranged through the auspices of AID for the new Director of Security of the State, Lic. Guillermo Urquijo A., and two of the officials who are working most closely with him, Lic. Ramon Ruiz and Lic. Carlos Treviño. This has come in private conversations with Governor Eduardo A. Elizondo and Lic. Urquijo and in a dinner meeting at which officers of the Consulate General and officials of the Department of Justice stationed in Monterrey were guests of Lic. Urquijo, a meeting which was also attended by practically the entire directorate of the State's new public security organization. This meeting, which Lic. Urquijo informed us he had wished to arrange soon after the return of the three officials from the United States, was delayed only because the men concerned have been completely immersed, since their return, in the task of getting the new security organization established.

2. The Governor's thanks for the arrangements made for his three officials were warmly expressed during my call on him after his inauguration. That of Lic. Urquijo was made known to us at one or two chance personal encounters after his return, and in greater detail when he came to the Consulate General to invite us to the dinner meeting. It was renewed in full and, at times, elaborate and amusing detail by all three of the officials at the dinner meeting.

3. Beginning with their being met at the airport by AID officer, Mr. Desiderio Crisostomo, and their initial visit to the International Police Academy, where they were greeted by Program Branch Chief Robert D. Thurston, the men were full of praise and gratitude for the efficient manner in which

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arrangements were made for them and the attentions they received. This included their visits to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the International Police Academy and the helpful advice and assistance they received in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, San Francisco, Long Beach, Phoenix and San Antonio. The officers were quite concerned that their failure to have expressed appreciation earlier, resulting from their extreme preoccupation with their reorganization tasks, would be interpreted as lack of gratitude on their part.

4. Lic. Urquijo and his companions seemed particularly impressed with the efficiency and modernity of the public security installations and procedures they observed, the training facilities of the International Police Academy and the cooperative arrangements among the various security organizations -- Federal, State and local. They were also impressed with the scope and seriousness of the law enforcement problem in the U.S. Their comparison of the resources available in the U.S. with the extremely limited resources available in Nuevo León was accompanied by a degree of comfort in their assertion that the problems here are not as intense as they are in the U.S. -- an observation which, at least for the moment, seems warranted.

5. In discussing the excellent treatment they received at the International Police Academy, the officials stated that, with regard to follow-up training for specialists, they had been told that the officers they might choose to send to specific courses would receive the corresponding training without cost and that, should it be necessary to do so, the cost of transportation would also be provided. The Consulate General would appreciate confirmation of this offer if it was actually made, since it seems likely that we will be approached in the first instance when any specific requests are forthcoming.

6. The Consulate General hereby adds its warm thanks to that of the Nuevo León officials to all of those in Washington and elsewhere who contributed to the success of the visit of the Nuevo León Security officials. As indicated in our first message on this subject, we believe that, in addition to the practical benefits which are certain to be reaped, the fact that the U.S. Government was requested by the Governor of the State of Nuevo León to assist in this project has considerable significance in an area where the degree of confidence demonstrated has not always been present on either side.

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