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SUBJECT: RESOURCES FOR MEXICAN NORTHERN BORDER  
RESPONSE FORCE

1. (C) FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS THE U.S. EMBASSY HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL (PGA) TO DEVELOP THE CONCEPT OF A NORTHERN BORDER RESPONSE FORCE TO OPERATE IN MEXICO ALONG THE U.S./MEXICAN BORDER. THIS RESPONSE FORCE WOULD INTERDICT DRUG-LADEN AIRCRAFT HEADING TO NORTHERN MEXICO. INTERDICTION WOULD TAKE PLACE ON THE GROUND.

2. (C) RESOURCES HAVE BEEN THE STIMULING BLOCK TO THE INITIATION OF SUCH A FORCE. THESE RESOURCES INCLUDE AN INTELLIGENCE CENTER AND THE NECESSARY COMMAND AND CONTROL TO DISSEMINATE THE INTELLIGENCE TO THE OPERATIONAL SITES. AT THESE SITES THEY NEED HELICOPTERS WHICH WILL CARRY THE INTERDICTION FORCE. UNTIL NOW WE APPEAR TO HAVE MADE LITTLE PROGRESS IN FIELDING SUCH A RESPONSE FORCE. WE BELIEVE THE MEXICANS ARE QUITE SERIOUS ABOUT THE INTERDICTION EFFORT. HOWEVER, THEY ARE BECOMING FRUSTRATED WITH THE SLOW PACE AT WHICH WE ARE MOVING TO OBTAIN THESE REQUIRED RESOURCES.  
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3. (C) RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM FORSCOM (GENERAL GRAY) AND DIA INDICATE THAT WITH THEIR HELP THE RESPONSE FORCE CAN BECOME A REALITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. U.S. EMBASSY MEXICO HAS OFFERED A TACTICAL ANALYSIS TEAM (TAT) WITH ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL. THIS INTELLIGENCE SOURCE IS A KEY ELEMENT OF THE RESPONSE FORCE AND WE WOULD LIKE IT IN MEXICO CITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE TAT MUST BE THE COMMUNICATION LINKS TO THE OPERATIONAL SITES OR IT WILL SERVE LITTLE PURPOSE. FORSCOM HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE A STANDING CONTRACT FOR THE SECURE DEVICES REQUIRED. TRANSFER OF \$200,000.00 DOLLARS TO FORSCOM WILL PURCHASE THE SEVEN COMMUNICATION SETS NEEDED.

4. (C) WE WERE ALSO INFORMED BY FORSCOM THAT MILITARY HELICOPTERS COULD BE LOANED TO THE PGA FOR

CHAINMAN DISTRIBUTION REQUIRED

DELIVER HAND COPIES TO  
GEN POWELL (1), GEN HERRES (1)  
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6. (C) WE MUST ALSO INSURE THAT WE PLAN AND STRUCTURE THE FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH USC LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS. ANY WAIVERS THAT ARE REQUIRED SHOULD BE REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

7. (C) U.S. EMBASSY MEXICO IS IN RECEIPT OF A 24 JAN 90 LETTER TO STATE-TOH FROM MG SCHLOSSBERG. THIS LETTER WOULD INDICATE THAT DOD MONEY MAY BE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THIS EFFORT  
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8. (C) ACTION: WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH REGARD TO ACQUISITION AND SHIPMENT OF HELOS, COMMUNICATION GEAR, THE TAT, AND SUPPORTING PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES.  
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