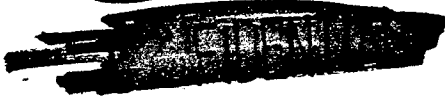


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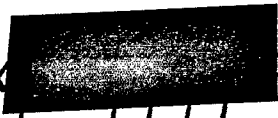
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November 26, 1991

TO:  
FROM:



Stephen H. Greene  
Acting Deputy Administrator

Attached for your information is a record of conversation between Administrator Bonner and Ambassador Negroponte.

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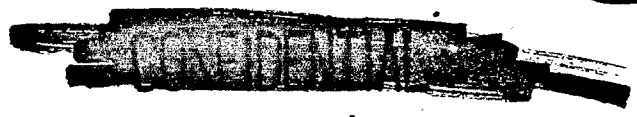
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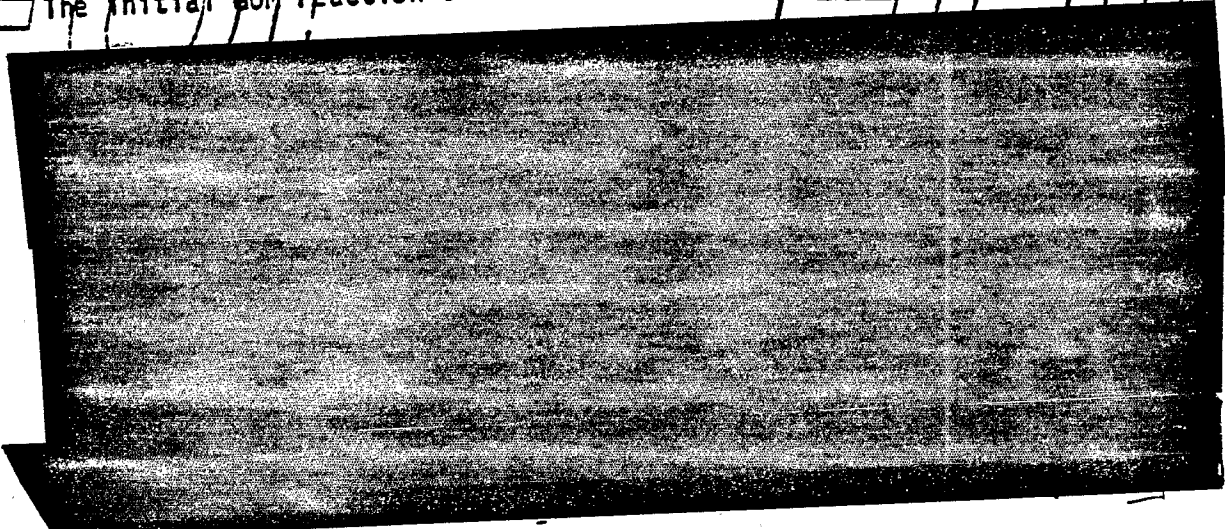
November 25, 1991

To Stephen H. Greene, AD  
John J. Coleman, AO

From Robert C. Bonner  
Administrator

I told Ambassador Negroponte that I shared his concern regarding discussing the Vera Cruz incident in the media and was distressed that an unnamed DEA official was quoted in the Los Angeles Times article of 11/20/91. I advised the Ambassador that I had set a strict "no comment" policy regarding this matter.

At the same time, I shared with the Ambassador my concern that the situation will continue to deteriorate unless and until there is prompt resolution by the Government of Mexico (GOM) and decisive action taken. The initial GOM reaction that this was a "tragic accident" doesn't wash.



The Ambassador requested a non-paper detailing DEA's evidence of Moran's past collusion, something he would provide to appropriate GOM officials. This should be drafted and forwarded ASAP to the Ambassador. ✓

The Ambassador said he will see that the GOM knows that the USG has a "high level of interest" in a prompt resolution, but does not know whether a "solid conclusion" will be reached by the GOM. The President

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has directed the Human Rights Commission (HRC) to investigate and make findings. I said that I feared that this could take months, even if the HRC had investigative capabilities. The Ambassador hopes it would not take this long, but does not know how rapidly the HRC will move.

I said that I viewed this incident as a critical watershed event for the GOM regarding its commitment to the counter-narcotics effort and its resolve to root out corrupt officials, even Army Generals, that collude with traffickers. I also expressed my concern that the NBRF (Operation Halcon) would not resume effective operations so long as these homicides remain unresolved or are not responded to with decisive action. The impact of the NBRF stand-down inevitably will lead to an increase in trafficker flights from Colombia.

(N.B. Let's track this activity closely.)

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