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By Facsimile and U.S. Mail

The Honorable Michael Chertoff  
Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice  
Secretary  
Department of State  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Chertoff and Secretary Rice:

We are extremely concerned about recent media reports of incursions into the United States by individuals appearing to be members of the Mexican military. According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, there have been 231 such incursions reported since 1996; an average of more than 28 times per year. Although many of these incursions may have been accidental, we are concerned by reports that some may actually involve the smuggling of narcotics into the United States.

We are deeply concerned about these reported incursions into United States territory. Therefore, pursuant to Rules X and XI of the House of Representatives, we are writing to request a briefing and the following information:

1. A full report by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection on this incident and copies of any other Department of Homeland Security report detailing incursions that have occurred during the past 10 years;
2. The policies of the Departments of Homeland Security and State addressing Mexican incursions into United States territory;
3. The procedures established by the Departments of Homeland Security and State in responding to such incidents; and
4. A description of the extent to which the Departments of Homeland Security and State coordinate with the Drug Enforcement Administration in such cases.

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If you have any questions about this request or to arrange the delivery of the report and schedule the briefing, please have your staff contact Mandy Bowers of the Committee staff at (202) 226-8417.

Thank you for your prompt and personal attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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