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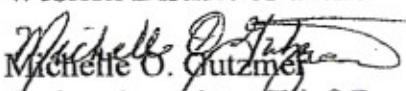
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard L. Durbin, Jr.
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FROM: 
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SUBJECT: *United States v. Heriberto Santillan-Tabares*
Case No. EP-03-CR-2291KC

This memorandum is a partial response to your letter of April 6, 2004, to Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) El Paso Division Special Agent in Charge Sandalio Gonzalez concerning the captioned case. In that letter you requested "any and all impeaching or otherwise exculpatory information relating to two essential witnesses for the Government [namely], Eduardo Ramirez, a.k.a. Lalo [and] Jose Jaime Marquez"

More specifically, this memorandum is in response to paragraph 10 of your letter in which you requested "[a] copy of the final report, any internal memorandum or other documents prepared by the joint management inquiry team." Please note that the enclosed final report also includes a "Joint Assessment Team Timeline," which is referenced in paragraph "9" of your letter. This report is being provided to you in its entirety because we fully appreciate your office's need to review all potentially relevant information with regard to the *Santillan-Tabares* case, and we understand that disclosure of this information outside of the United States Attorney's office will not be made without further notification to, and consultation with, DEA.¹

¹ The additional assurances in your letter, especially the need for a protective order if disclosure is ordered by the court, are particularly appropriate as to these documents.

Please note that the other requests contained in your April 6, 2004 letter are being handled in the normal course of business by the DEA El Paso Division. If you require additional information on this matter, please contact DEA Attorney Richard J. McMahon, Office of Chief Counsel, Domestic Criminal Law Section, (202) 307-8030.

Attachment

cc: W. Michael Furgason, SR
Chief of Operations

Sandalio Gonzales, Special Agent in Charge
El Paso Division