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Per our conversation the key questions for me are the following:

- 1) Who has the Coahuila Government contacted in the US for help with depositions of witnesses in US custody?
- 2) Can the Coahuila Government share with us the contact info for the person/persons above?
- 3) What kind of assistance is the Coahuila Government requesting from the US? (It would be great to see detailed formal assistance requests and whether they are doing it through the Mexican federal Government)

Fine, shall we ask the Gov of Coah to request specific info to the federal govern (DEA, DOS, Homeland Security, etc), Texas government and some counties?

Perhaps it will come to nothing but we will test concrete forms of obtaining data from Mexico.

We are chartering new waters and it is also important to develop a methodology. Remember that I have good relations with the state governments of Tamaulipas and Chihuahua.

Dear Sergio,

We should talk further about exactly how to do this, what sort of list you would like to submit, and what we sort of access we can reasonably expect them to get from the US. Will this be bundled into one requests to the embassy/consulate, or separate requests across a variety of US agencies? Is there a typical process that they follow in making such requests, or is this basically terra incognita, as you suggested?

One would hope that they would be able to obtain documents that we might not otherwise be able to obtain through FOIA -- especially court case files and law enforcement records that are often denied on privacy grounds. The sealed documents from the prosecution of Mariano Millan Vasquez, for example, where there is apparently testimony or other evidence linking him to Allende.

Also, keep in mind that we have filed several dozen FOIA requests in recent months on Allende and related issues. A lot of research went into those requests, so perhaps we should start there. Some of these have met resistance (from the DEA in particular), but we are communicating with the DEA FOIA

officer and trying to file good appeals in these cases. But we've learned a lot about how they organize their files, so that info might be useful moving forward.

Best,
Mike