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SUMMARY:

THIS REPORT CONTAINS A SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF THE ONGOING CONFLICT AND

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VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH THE GULF AND ZETA DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS (DTOS) IN THE MATAMOROS RESIDENT OFFICE (RO) AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (AOR) DURING THE TIME FRAME OF FEBRUARY 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 2010. THE GULF CARTEL, BASED IN MATAMOROS, TAMAULIPAS, HAS BEEN ONE OF MEXICO'S MOST DOMINANT CARTELS IN RECENT YEARS. IN THE LATE 1990S, THE GULF CARTEL HIRED NUMEROUS ARMY DESERTERS WHO CALLED THEMSELVES LOS ZETAS. LOS ZETAS ORIGINALLY ACTED AS THE ENFORCEMENT ARM OF THE GULF CARTEL BUT AS THE YEARS PROGRESSED, MEMBERS OF LOS ZETAS BEGAN TO ESTABLISH DRUG DISTRIBUTION CELLS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES AND BEGAN TO GAIN STRENGTH AS A GROWING DTO OF THEIR OWN.

IN FEBRUARY 2010, THE GULF CARTEL DTO LED BY (b)(7)(C) AND LOS ZETAS (FORMER ENFORCEMENT ARM OF THE GULF CARTEL) LED BY (b)(7)(C) SPLIT INTO TWO SEPARATE DTOS - THE GULF CARTEL AND LOS ZETA DTO'S. INTELLIGENCE GATHERED REFLECT THAT THIS SEPARATION WAS THE RESULT OF (b)(7)(C) EXTRADITION TO THE U.S. IN 2007 AND SENTENCING ON FEBRUARY 25, 2010.

CARTEL ALLIANCES:

AS A RESULT OF THE SPLIT BETWEEN THE GULF CARTEL AND ZETAS, SEPARATE ALLIANCES WERE FORMED BY THE GULF CARTEL AND LOS ZETAS WITH OTHER DRUG CARTELS TO ASSIST IN THEIR DRUG TURF WAR. WHILE THE GULF CARTEL ALIGNED THEMSELVES WITH THE SINALOA CARTEL AND LA FAMILIA, THE ZETAS ALIGNED THEMSELVES WITH THE JUAREZ CARTEL.

GULF CARTEL VS LOS ZETAS:

SINCE FEBRUARY 2010, THE WAR BETWEEN THE GULF CARTEL AND LOS ZETAS HAS INTENSIFIED TO A GREAT EXTENT. DOZENS OF CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN MATAMOROS, VALLE HERMOSO, REYNOSA, TAMPICO, SAN FERNANDO, AND MANY MORE CITIES IN THE STATE OF TAMAULIPAS. ALSO, NUMEROUS CONFRONTATIONS HAVE GONE UNREPORTED FOR FEAR OF RETALIATION AND THREAT OF DEATH. IN SEVERAL INSTANCES, MUNICIPALITIES AND COMMUNITIES USED THE INTERNET, MORE SPECIFICALLY FACEBOOK, TWITTER, AND YOUTUBE AS THEIR ONLY METHOD OF REPORTING VIOLENT BLOODY BATTLES BETWEEN THE TWO CARTELS. MANY TIMES THE DEAD OR WOUNDED WERE QUICKLY TAKEN AWAY AND REMOVED FROM THE BATTLE FIELD BY THEIR OWN TO HIDE AND GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE WINNING THE WAR.

ON MARCH 17, 2010, (b)(7)(D) REPORT THAT A GUN BATTLE BETWEEN ZETAS AND GULF CARTEL MEMBERS OCCURRED IN JIMENEZ, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO (LOCATED BETWEEN CIUDAD VICTORIA AND SAN FERNANDO). ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER KILLED COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 20 TO 25 GULF BODIES OF CARTEL MEMBERS WERE LEFT SCATTERED IN JIMENEZ. (b)(7)(D) THE GULF CARTEL TRAVELED TO HIDALGO, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO SHORTLY AFTER THIS INCIDENT AND BURNED FIVE POLICE VEHICLES AND KILLED TWO POLICE OFFICERS. THE MUNICIPALITY WAS LEFT WITHOUT POLICE VEHICLES. IN CIUDAD VICTORIA THE GULF CARTEL KILLED THREE COMANDANTES [COMMANDERS] OF THE POLICE FORCE AND THREE POLICE OFFICERS WERE KIDNAPPED AND HAVE NOT SINCE BEEN LOCATED. (b)(7)(C) THE GULF CARTEL HAS BEEN ATTACKING SMALL PLAZAS IN TAMAULIPAS EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT INVOLVED

WITH ZETAS, THE ATTACKS OCCUR SIMPLY BECAUSE THE AREA BELONGS TO LOS ZETAS.

ON APRIL 15, 2010, A GUNFIGHT ENSUED BETWEEN THE GULF CARTEL AND ZETAS IN TAMPICO. AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 AM, AT COLONIA PETROLERA DE TAMPICO, A GROUP OF GUNMEN OPENED FIRE AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE MEXICAN NAVY ARRIVED AND ENGAGED THE GUNMEN IN A FIREFIGHT THROUGHOUT THE STREETS OF TAMPICO. AFTER THE SHOOTOUT, NUMEROUS BUILDINGS WERE SEEN RIDDLE WITH BULLETS AND GRENADE DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE COLONIAS. IN THE AFTERMATH, THE MEXICAN NAVY WAS SEEN PICKING UP BODIES FROM THE STREETS.

GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO VS CARTELS:

ALTHOUGH THE VIOLENCE BETWEEN DRUG CARTELS HAD BEEN OCCURRING LONG BEFORE THE GULF CARTEL AND ZETAS BEGAN, (b)(5)

(b)(5) THAT CHANGED ON DECEMBER 11, 2006, WHEN NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT FELIPE CALDERON SENT FEDERAL TROOPS TO THE STATE OF MICHOACAN TO END DRUG VIOLENCE. THIS ACTION IS REGARDED AS THE FIRST MAJOR OPERATION AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME, AND IS GENERALLY VIEWED AS THE STARTING POINT OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE DRUG CARTELS. AS TIME PROGRESSED, CALDERON CONTINUED TO ESCALATE HIS ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN, IN WHICH THERE ARE NOW ABOUT 45,000 TROOPS INVOLVED IN ADDITION OF STATE AND FEDERAL POLICE FORCES.

AS A RESULT OF THE ONGOING WAR BETWEEN THE TWO CARTELS, THE MEXICAN MILITARY IS CONTINUING TO ENGAGE BOTH GULF AND ZETA CARTELS HEAD ON IN THE MATAMOROS AOR.

ON APRIL 13, 2010, (b)(7)(D) REPORTED TWO SOLDIERS AND TWO GUNMEN DIED IN A GUNFIGHT IN CAMARGO, TAMAULIPAS. ACCORDING TO (b)(7)(D) ARMY PERSONNEL WERE PATROLLING LOS MARTINEZ RANCH IN LOS COMALES, A SMALL TOWN COMMUNITY SOUTH OF CAMARGO, WHEN THEY BEGAN TO TRAIL SIX PICKUPS TRAVELING THROUGH THE AREA SUSPICIOUSLY. THE PICKUP DRIVERS TRIED TO GET AWAY, THEN STARTED FIRING AT THE SOLDIERS.

AS A RESULT, THREE SOLDIERS WERE INJURED DURING THE SHOOTOUT AND SEVERAL WOUNDED GUNMEN WERE EVACUATED FROM THE SCENE BY OTHER ASSAILANTS. ACCORDING TO (b)(7)(D) TWO DEAD SUSPECTED GUNMEN HAVE NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED, AND OFFICIALS DID NOT RELEASE THE NAMES OF THE SOLDIERS KILLED.

WEAPONS IMPACT:

IT IS REPORTED THAT 90 PERCENT OF WRAPONS CONFISCATED IN MEXICO WERE TRACED AND ORIGINATE FROM THE UNITED STATES. THE STATE OF TEXAS IS ONE OF THREE MOST PROLIFIC SOURCE STATES FOR ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING OF FIREARMS INTO MEXICO. THE GULF CARTEL AND ZETAS OFTEN PAY U.S. CITIZENS TO PURCHASE ASSAULT WEAPONS AT GUN STORES/SHOWS AS FAR AWAY AS HOUSTON, TEXAS OR NEARBY RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS.

ON JULY 5, 2010, THE MEXICAN NAVY SEIZED 7.5 TONS OF MARIJUANA AND A CACHE OF WEAPONS IN REYNOSA AND CIUDAD GUSTAVO DIAZ ORDAZ, TAMAULIPAS. WHILE ON PATROL NEAR CIUDAD GUSTAVO DIAZ ORDAZ, TAMAULIPAS, THE MEXICAN NAVY ARRESTED

THREE KNOWN DRUG TRAFFICKERS AND SEIZED FOUR (4) VEHICLES. WHILE CHECKING THE VEHICLES, THE NAVY FOUND 368 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WEIGHING APPROXIMATELY 700 KILOGRAMS IN ONE OF THE VEHICLES. WHILE CHECKING A SECOND VEHICLE, THE NAVY FOUND A ROCKET LAUNCHER, EIGHT (8) LONG ARMS OF DIFFERENT CALIBER, THREE (3) HANDGUNS, SIX (6) GRENADES, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN (113) MAGAZINES, AND MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (2,500) ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION OF DIFFERENT CALIBER. ALSO SEIZED BY THE NAVY WERE TWENTY THREE (23) RADIO COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND ACCESSORIES.

ON JULY 4, 2010, THE NAVY ENGAGED ARMED MEN TRAVELING IN SEVERAL VEHICLES WHILE PATROLLING THE STREETS OF REYNOSA IN A MILITARY HELICOPTER. AS A RESULT OF THIS CONFRONTATION, THE NAVY RESCUED EIGHT (8) KIDNAPPED VICTIMS, DETAINED FIFTEEN (15) SUSPECTS THAT WERE IN POSSESSION OF SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY TWO (762) PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA THAT WEIGHED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN (7) TONS. IN ADDITION, THE NAVY SECURED TEN (10) LONG ARMS, EIGHTY FOUR (84) MAGAZINES, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY THREE (1,863) ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION OF DIFFERENT CALIBER, TEN (10) RADIO COMMUNICATION DEVICES, AND FIVE (5) VEHICLES.

ON APRIL 14, 2010, THE MEXICAN MILITARY DISCOVERED SEVERAL VEHICLES, WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, AND TWO DEAD BODIES AT A ZETA WAREHOUSE NEAR CAMARGO, TAMAULIPAS. THE WAREHOUSE WAS SITUATED ALONG A DIRT ROAD ABOUT 15 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE OF CAMARGO BETWEEN SANTA GERTRUDIS AND LOS COMALES. INSIDE THE WAREHOUSE, THE MEXICAN MILITARY FOUND 19 VEHICLES (SOME ARMORED) AND A SCHOOL BUS MARKED WITH THE LETTER "Z" AND LETTER "Z-40". AMONG THE WEAPONS SEIZED WERE 9 LONG ARMS, A SUBMACHINE GUN, 3 HANDGUNS, 52 FREQUENCY RADIOS, 22 NEXTEL PHONES, 6 TORTURE DEVICES, AND 2.5 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA. (b)(7)(D) ALSO REPORTED TWO DEAD MEN SEMI-BURIED APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET AWAY FROM THE WAREHOUSE.

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(b)(7)(D) IN THE MATAMOROS RO AOR CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM PARTICULARLY IN REGARDS TO DRUG TRAFFICKING.

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POLITICS:

(b)(7)(D) POLITICAL APPOINTEES DO IN FACT PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN NARCO TRAFFICKING. (b)(7)(D)

AND PREVIOUS MAYORS, GOVERNORS, AND OTHER POLITICAL FIGURES CONTRIBUTE IN SOME WAY [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)

ON JUNE 28, 2010, AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 AM, THE MATAMOROS RO WAS INFORMED THAT PRI TAMAULIPAS GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE RODOLFO TORRE-CANTU AND FIVE OTHERS WERE KILLED IN CD. VICTORIA, TAMAULIPAS WHILE ENROUTE TO THE AIRPORT. TORRE AND STAFF WERE TRAVELLING IN OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN VEHICLES WHICH WERE LINED WITH FULL VEHICLE BODY CAMPAIGN STICKERS. TORRE-CANTU WAS HEAVILY FAVORED TO WIN THE UPCOMING ELECTION ON JULY 4, 2010.

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(D) TORRE ATTENDED A FIESTA MONTHS BEFORE HIS EXECUTION AT A RANCH BELONGING TO [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

ACCOMPANIED BY ZETA ESCORTS.

(b)(7)(D) SAID THAT THE GULF CARTEL SOMEHOW FOUND OUT ABOUT THE ABOVE FIESTA AND MADE THE DECISION TO ASSASSINATE RODOLFO TORRE-CANTU. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)

(b)(7)(C) THE GULF CARTEL WAS CONCERNED THAT RODOLFO TORRE-CANTU AND HIS STATE GOVERNOR POSITION WOULD INFLUENCE AND NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE GULF CARTEL'S DRUG BUSINESS AND FAVOR THE ZETAS DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION (DTO).

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D)

ON MAY 13, 2010, MEXICAN AUTHORITIES CONFIRMED THE SLAYING OF A MAYORAL CANDIDATE IN THE CITY OF VALLE HERMOSO. NATIONAL ACTION PARTY (PAN) CANDIDATE JOSE MARIO GUAJARDO VARELA, 54, AND HIS SON OF THE SAME NAME WERE KILLED AT HIS BUSINESS THIS MORNING, SAID [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C) SPOKESMAN FOR TAMAULIPAS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. AN EMPLOYEE WAS ALSO INJURED AND LATER DIED. REPORTS STATE THAT AROUND 8:30 A.M. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS CALLED BY THE MINISTERIAL POLICE IN REGARDS TO TWO BODIES IN A WAREHOUSE BELONGING TO MR. GUAJARDO. THE BUSINESS IS CALLED AGRO INDUSTRIAS GUAJARDO AND IS LOCATED ON THE HIGHWAY TO LAS YESCAS. ACCORDING TO FORENSIC REPORTS, TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEN SHOWED UP TO THE WAREHOUSE AND ASKED FOR GUAJARDO. UPON FINDING HIM THEY PULLED OUT 9MM HANDGUNS AND BEGAN FIRING AT GUAJARDO. BOTH FATHER AND SON DIED AT THE SCENE AND THE EMPLOYEE FERNANDO ARTURO TREVIÑO MARTINEZ WAS RUSHED TO THE LOCAL HOSPITAL WHERE HE LATER DIED.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

NEARLY 28,000 PEOPLE OR MORE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN DRUG VIOLENCE SINCE PRESIDENT FELIPE CALDERON CAME TO POWER IN LATE 2006 AND LAUNCHED A MILITARY-BACKED CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG CARTELS. THE BLOODSHED WORRIES THE U.S. AND IS SCARING OFF FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND TOURISTS AS MEXICO'S ECONOMY TRIES TO RECOVER FROM ITS WORST RECESSION IN DECADES. THE CITY OF MATAMOROS AND REYNOSA AND OTHER BORDER TOWNS ARE FEELING THE RESULTS AS THE ECONOMY CONTINUE TO DOWNGRADE. TOURISM IN MATAMOROS AND RESYNOSA IS NO LONGER VISIBLE AND MANY WELL KNOWN BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN FORCED TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO CARTEL VIOLENCE. FEAR IS CERTAINLY RAVAGING THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF MATAMOROS. PEOPLE NO LONGER CROSS AS FREQUENTLY INTO THE MEXICAN BORDER CITY AS THEY DID IN THE PAST, AND ITS RETAIL BUSINESS AND RESTAURANTS ARE FEELING THE CRUNCH.

MEDIA IMPACT:

RECENT REPORTS INDICATE A POWERFUL DRUG CARTEL IS BUYING OFF JOURNALISTS IN NORTHERN MEXICO TO WORK AS SPIES AND SMOTHER COVERAGE OF A SPIKE IN KILLINGS ON THE U.S. BORDER IN THE LATEST ATTACK ON THE MEDIA IN MEXICO.

ACCORDING TO JOURNALISTS AND EDITORS, HITMEN FROM THE GULF CARTEL BASED IN MATAMOROS AND REYNOSA, ARE PAYING REPORTERS APPROXIMATELY \$500 A MONTH AND SHOWERING THEM WITH LIQUOR AND PROSTITUTES TO INTIMIDATE AND SILENCE COLLEAGUES AT RADIO STATIONS AND NEWSPAPERS.

A TURF WAR THAT HAS ERUPTED OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS AROUND REYNOSA AND MATAMOROS HAS GONE ALMOST COMPLETELY UNREPORTED DESPITE MORE THAN 100 DEATHS.

FOR YEARS, ILL-PAID MEXICAN REPORTERS HAVE OCCASIONALLY BEEN FORCED BY CARTEL GUNMEN TO TAKE MONEY TO REPORT FAVORABLY ON TRAFFICKERS OR HUSH UP KILLINGS, BUT THE GULF CARTEL NOW APPEARS ABLE TO IMPOSE AN ALMOST TOTAL MUZZLE ON REPORTING VIOLENCE FROM NUEVO LAREDO TO MATAMOROS.

REPORTERS AT NEWS RADIO STATIONS AND DAILIES INCLUDING EL MANANA AND LA PRENSA SAY THEY HAVE LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO IGNORE THE FIGHT OVER SMUGGLING ROUTES THAT HAS BROKEN OUT BETWEEN THE GULF GANG AND ITS FORMER ARMED WING THE "ZETAS."

(b)(7)(D) "OUR NEWSROOMS HAVE BEEN INFILTRATED BY THESE REPORTERS, THEY MONITOR WHAT WE WRITE, THEY KNOW WHERE WE LIVE. WITH THIS SYSTEM, THE NARCOS HAVE DIRECT CONTROL OVER US".

MANY OF THE ROGUE JOURNALISTS DO LITTLE TO HIDE THEIR DEALINGS WITH TRAFFICKERS AND HAVE BEEN SEEN ARRIVING AT NEWS CONFERENCES OR CRIME SCENES IN FLASHY NEW SUVS ACCOMPANIED BY ARMED MEN, OFTEN TO PREVENT NEWS OF ANY KILLINGS BEING RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC.

(b)(7)(D)

OTHERS CAUGHT BY THE ARMY AT SPORADIC CHECKPOINTS HAVE STRUGGLED TO EXPLAIN THE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS BULGING IN THEIR WALLETES WHEN MOST LOCAL REPORTERS EARN LESS THAN \$400 A MONTH.

CONCLUSION:

THE WAR BETWEEN THE GULF CARTEL AND ZETAS WILL NOT END ANY TIME SOON. THE ZETAS DTO REMAIN DETERMINED TO WIN THE WAR AGAINST THE GULF CARTEL AND HAVE TAKEN EXTREME MEASURES TO PROVE THAT THEY ARE NOT OUT OF THE PICTURE JUST YET. AS AN EXAMPLE, ON AUGUST 23, 2010, THE ZETAS CAPTURED, TORTURED, AND KILLED 72 PEOPLE IN SAN FERNANDO, TAMAULIPAS BECAUSE THEY REFUSED TO JOIN LOS ZETAS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE GULF CARTEL. THE 72 BODIES WERE IDENTIFIED AS 58 MEN AND 14 WOMEN IMMIGRANTS FROM ECUADOR, SAN SALVADOR,

HONDURAS, BRAZIL, AND OTHER COUNTRIES THAT WERE ON THEIR WAY TO THE UNITED STATES TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT AND A BETTER LIFE.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY RUMORS THAT INDICATE THE ZETAS ARE BOUND TO COLLAPSE OR THAT ZETA LEADERS SUCH AS (b)(7)(C) HAVE EITHER BEEN CAPTURED OR HAVE RENOUNCED THEIR LEADERSHIP ROLE, THERE IS NO SOLID PROOF THAT THIS HAS ACTUALLY OCCURRED. (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(7)(C) HAD INDICATED THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN ENDING THE WAR AND JOINING THE GULF CARTEL DTO AS ONE CARTEL DTO. (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D) HAVE REPORTED (b)(7)(C) MOVING IN NUMEROUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATES OF TAMAULIPAS AND NUEVO LEON. (b)(7)(D) IN AUGUST 2010 INDICATE THAT (b)(7)(C) IS BY HIS WIFE'S SIDE IN GUADALAJARA (b)(7)(C)
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THE GULF CARTEL ON THE OTHER HAND ARE STANDING THEIR GROUND AND INCREASING PRESSURE ON ZETAS BY MOVING INTO ZETA TERRITORY SUCH AS SAN FERNANDO, VICTORIA, TAMPICO, NUEVO LAREDO, AND AS FAR AWAY AS MONTERREY. (b)(7)(D) INDICATE THAT THE GULF CARTEL REMAINS STRONG DESPITE SOME LOSSES IN SAN FERNANDO, NUEVO LAREDO AND MIGUEL ALEMAN, TAMAULIPAS. (b)(7)(D) ALSO INDICATES THAT AT THE MOMENT, THE GULF CARTEL SEEMS TO BE WINNING THE WAR BETWEEN THE TWO DTO'S.

WEAPONS CONTINUE TO BE CROSSED INTO THE U.S. VIA BROWNSVILLE/MATAMOROS AND REYNOSA/MCALLEN POINTS OF ENTRY. THE WEAPONS ARE GENERALLY HIDDEN UNDER CAR SEATS WHILE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION ARE HIDDEN IN SPARE TIRES. THE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION ARE PURCHASED IN TEXAS AND REGULARLY CROSSED INTO MATAMOROS AND HAND DELIVERED TO (b)(7)(C) LEADER OF THE GULF CARTEL.

MORE RECENT EVENTS IN THE MATAMOROS RO AOR REFLECT THE CITY OF MATAMOROS HAS HAD FOUR GRENADE ATTACKS/THREAT, THREE GUN BATTLES, AND A PRISON BREAK FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST. REYNOSA CITY OFFICIALS DETONATED ONE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AND HAD TWO GUN BATTLES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2010. THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO HAS REPORTED TWO GUN BATTLES AND AN ALLEGED ABDUCTION OF 20-25 CIVILIANS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2010. THROUGHOUT ALL THIS SCENARIOS, THE MILITARY, STATE AND LOCAL POLICE, DTO'S, AND THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE REMAINED RELUCTANT TO REPORT ALL SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AS THEY OCCUR. INSTEAD THEY SELECT ONLY WHAT THEY WANT TO REPORT BASED ON THE IMPACT THE NEWS EVENT MAY HAVE TO THEIR PLAZAS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN GULF CARTEL TERRITORY SUCH AS MATAMOROS, EVENTS HAVING TO DO AGAINST ZETAS ARE REPORTED AGGRESSIVELY WHILE ALL OTHER REPORTS HAVING A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON GULF CARTEL GO UNREPORTED. THE SAME IS SAID FOR ZETA TERRITORIES SUCH AS NUEVO LAREDO. NEWS HAVING TO DO WITH GULF CARTEL IS REPORTED INSTANTLY WHILE EVENTS THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACT ZETAS ARE NOT REPORTED.

IN FINAL, THE ZETA DTO AND GULF CARTEL CONFLICT WILL MOST LIKELY CONTINUE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME UNTIL EITHER THE CURRENT GULF OR THE ZETA CARTEL REGIME ARE REMOVED FROM POWER AND A NEW SINGLE DTO EMERGES. UNTIL THEN, THE ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE WILL UNDENIABLY CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF TAMAULIPAS AND BEYOND.

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