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SUBJECT: Embassy Guatemala: March 2010 CARSI Report

REF: 09 STATE 114752; GUATEMALA 438; GUATEMALA 67

1. (U) In response to ref A, Post submits the information below detailing Embassy Guatemala's

CARSI activities for March 2010.

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2. (U) Embassy Guatemala submitted ref B detailing the Mission's CARSI goals for FY 2010 and

requested Washington's advice on oversight responsibilities for CARSI programs managed by non-DOS agencies (FBI, DEA, DHS/ICE), agencies not resident at post (DHS/CBP), and multilateral organizations (OAS), as well as information about CARSI regional funds allocated to Guatemala for FY 2008, FY 2009, as well as how to request additional CARSI regional funds for FY 2010. We look forward to hearing back from the Department with any comments it may have regarding our funding request.

Internal Developments

3. (SBU) Press reported on March 20 that new Minister of Government Carlos Menocal

agreed to remove 75 police officers assigned to the NAS-supported Model Police Precinct in Mixco because these officers either failed a polygraph examination or refused to take it. However, NAS reports that these police officers are still in place despite the objections of Mixco mayor Amilcar Rivera and NAS. NAS will continue to pressure Menocal to remove these officers immediately.

4. (SBU) In early March, PNC chief Baltazar Gomez, chief of the counternarcotics unit, Nely

Judith De Bonilla, and ports and airports counternarcotics officer, Fernando Carillo, were arrested for conspiracy, abuse of authority, obstruction of justice, and illegal possession of weapons and ammunition, among other charges. The three were arrested in connection with the April 2009 attempt by PNC officers to steal cocaine from a Zeta warehouse in Amatitlan (ref C).

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5. (U) On March 25, press also reported on the findings of the United Nations Report on

Human Rights in Guatemala for 2009. The report found that: (1) there is one police office for every 619 inhabitants; (2) there are 174 private security firms operating in Guatemala; (3) there are approximately 106,700 private security agents, or five for each

police officer; and (4) the judiciary received 30, 873 complaints of violence against women in 2009 but only delivered 70 judgments. The United Nations recommended that the Government of Guatemala (GOG) enact police reform and improve police training, working

Implementation Activities

6. (SBU) On March 16, NAS met with Minister of Government Menocal and his three Vice

Ministers for Administration, Community Support, and Security to discuss NAS programming. Menocal commented that he was unaware NAS' programming was so extensive.

7. (SBU) Despite concerns about some of the police officers assigned to the Mixco Model

Police Precinct, statistics continue to show an overall reduction in crime in Mixco. The Mixco Model Police Precinct, the second Model Police Precinct in Guatemala, was inaugurated on December 15, 2009. Below are crime statistics for the month of March 2010, compared with March 2009:

March 2010 compared to March 2009

According to statisticians hired by NAS to monitor progress, the Model Precinct in Mixco has demonstrated excellent results in its initial months of operation:

Homicides decreased 44%

Assaults increased 12%

Kidnappings decreased 50%

Thefts decreased 43%

Vehicle thefts decreased 35%

Overall complaints to police decreased 23%

8. (U) A total of 152 police, prosecutors, and analysts from Mixco and Villa Nueva graduated

on March 26 from a specialized training course focused on surveillance and photography, interviewing techniques, homicide investigations, analysis, fraud investigations, assistance to victims of crimes, crisis negotiation/communication, and crime prevention.

9. (U) On March 19, twenty-four counternarcotics police agents completed the NAS-supported

Advanced Bortac Training course focused on teaching stop-and-search techniques in high threat environments.

10. (U) Five hundred five children are currently enrolled in Police Athletic League programs.

11. (U) From February 22-26, NAS, in collaboration with the Government of Mexico, sponsored

training on clandestine laboratories for 30 members of the counternarcotics prosecutors' units from Guatemala City, Peten, Chiquimula and Guatemala and for investigators at the Attorney General's Office (MP). The one-week course focused on the production of methamphetamines.

12. (U) The contract for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) was awarded to

Cogent, Inc., an American company. This system is eventually intended to include fingerprints

from all of the 24-hour courts, all prisoners, and all individuals who register firearms

through the Ministry of Defense.

13. (U) DEA, in conjunction with NAS, brought two instructors from the U.S. to

teach the Special Investigative Methods unit (UME) how to conduct wire intercepts. The trainers will conduct three courses lasting four weeks each. DEA, in collaboration with NAS, also brought a retired Colombian National Police Officer/Forensic Accountant to Guatemala to teach a Financial Investigations Course for a week. Nearly 130,000 USD in CARSI funds (120,164 USD for UME and 8,720 USD for the Financial Investigations course) were used to pay for both training courses.

14. (U) The contract for USAID's primary Merida activities was awarded to RTI International on

March 30 and calls for immediate implementation. Youth Crime Prevention activities under this five-year agreement will include activities that expand and improve youth facilities and activities where functioning outreach centers exists, support the current tattoo removal services for former gang members, and support

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ongoing counseling, skills enhancement, and recreational opportunities for at-risk youth. The Community Action Fund will support the implementation of a municipal citizen security plan in Alta Verapaz and Community-Based Policing funds will improve working conditions for local police and community infrastructure (i.e. public lighting, streets, schools).

15. (U) USAID executed purchase orders to provide donations of 100,000 USD each to two local

NGOs, Youth Alliance and CEIBA group, while waiting for the implementation contract to be awarded. Youth Alliance supports sixteen youth outreach centers while CEIBA group provides educational scholarships to at-risk youth.

16. (SBU) ICE Guatemala received information from PICA Corporation, a U.S. company which

protects intellectual property rights, alleging that counterfeit Hewlett Packard (HP) products were being sold in Guatemala. ICE Guatemala worked with the MP to conduct surveillance and undercover purchases of these items for identification. On February 12, 2010, MP officials made several purchases of counterfeit HP toners at four different establishments located throughout Guatemala City. Thereafter, an HP legal representative filed a formal complaint and the MP obtained authorization to execute search warrants at all four locations.

On March 12, 2010, the MP, assisted by PNC and military personnel, executed search warrants which resulted in the seizure of 1,957 fraudulent HP toners. The MP will continue to investigate other associates of these businesses based on documentation seized in all four locations. ICE Guatemala will continue to provide assistance to the MP in this investigation.

17. (U) Post's Law Enforcement Working Group met on March 9. Post held its CARSI meetings

on March 2 and 16.

Significant USG-Supported Host Nation Seizures

18. (SBU) USG law enforcement participation and/or intelligence played an important part in a

seizure in March 2010:

- **March 11 - Guatemala City International Airport:**
Seizure of 28,910 tablets of pseudoephedrine from a package
originating in Bangladesh and destined for Guatemala

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