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Purpose: The purpose of this document is to provide an intelligence overview concerning Mexican Government incursions, encounters and sightings on the U.S. and Mexico borders.

Sources Used: Information contained in this report is derived from Border Patrol reports of Mexican Military and Police activity on the US/Mexico border.

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MEXICAN GOVERNMENT INCIDENTS, FY 2005: Mexican Government
Incursions, Encounters and Sightings on the Southwestern Border (SWB).

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AS OF: **September 30, 2005**

From 1996 to present, the Office of Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center (BORFIC) has confirmed *two hundred and twenty six confirmed incursions* into the United States by Mexican government personnel, and one reported incursion which is currently unconfirmed.

INCURSIONS

- As of September 30, 2005, the Office of Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center (BORFIC) has *eighteen confirmed and one unconfirmed incursions* during FY 2005.
- *five* by Mexican Military personnel.
 - *Thirteen* by Mexican law enforcement personnel.
 - *One* by Mexican Fire department personnel.

Locations:

San Diego Sector: *three*
El Centro Sector: *three*
Yuma Sector: *four*
Tucson Sector: *three*
El Paso Sector: *four*
Laredo Sector: *one*
Rio Grande Valley Sector: *one*

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ENCOUNTERS

- As of September 30, 2005, the Office of Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center (BORFIC) has confirmed **six encounters** during FY 2005.

Location:

Rio Grande Valley Sector: **one**
Tucson Sector: **two**
San Diego Sector: **one**
El Centro Sector: **one**
El Paso Sector: **one**

SIGHTINGS

- As of September 30, 2005, the Office of Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center (BORFIC) has confirmed **thirteen sightings** during FY 2005.

Locations:

El Centro Sector: **one**
Yuma Sector: **one**
Tucson Sector: **two**
Rio Grande Valley Sector: **eight**
El Paso Sector: **one**

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MEXICAN GOVERNMENT BORDER INCIDENTS - METHODOLOGY

An incident will be classified as an Incursion, an Encounter or a Sighting. The following methodology is used in classifying each incident.

INCURSION

INCURSIONS - An Incursion is defined as the unauthorized crossing of the U.S. - Mexico border by Mexican Government Personnel. It may be either intentional or unintentional.

- Armed Incursion: Mexican Government Personnel are carrying weapons.
- Unarmed Incursion: Mexican Government Personnel are not carrying weapons.
- Undetermined: Unable to determine if Mexican Government personnel are carrying weapons.

ENCOUNTER

ENCOUNTERS - An Encounter is any activity by Mexican Government Personnel on the Mexican side of the U.S.- Mexico Border that results in interaction between the parties involved.

- Threatening Encounter: Shots are fired, a weapon is pointed or objects are thrown across the U.S.- Mexico Border at LEA's, U.S. Military personnel or U.S. civilians.
- Non-Threatening Encounter: Mexican Government Personnel establish communications with LEA's or U.S. Military personnel on their respective sides of the Border.

SIGHTING

SIGHTINGS - A Sighting is the discovery of significant Mexican Government activity on the Mexican side of the U.S.- Mexico border, which is not an encounter and may be of LEA interest.

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complied and stopped their pursuit. CBP officers secured the weapons of the Mexican police officers without incident. The Chevy Tahoe and the driver, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was given an immediate pat down and escorted to CBP secondary. All four Mexican officers were escorted to CBP secondary where queries were performed through TECS, NCIC and IDENT. All queries were negative. Queries of the two Mexican police units and the four weapons were negative and a hands-on inspection for weapons of the two police units by CBP officers was negative. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] arrived at approximately 0045 and after interviewing all personnel involved, [REDACTED] contacted assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Hagan at approximately 0130, and declined prosecution on the Mexican officers. The Mexican Officers, with vehicles and weapons, were allowed to return to Mexico

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3. MEXICAN MILITARY INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) SAN DIEGO / CAMPO STATION - On January 12, 2005, the caretaker at the "Gun Club" [REDACTED] reported an armed individual near the Border Fence. From a concealed high point position, a responding agent observed the armed subject crossing the border fence and go north a short distance. The individual was then observed returning to Mexico. The Mexican Liaison Unit was notified and later reported that the armed individual who was observed making a brief incursion was a member of the Mexican military.

4. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / UNINTENTIONAL) EL PASO / YSLETA STATION - On January 20, 2005, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Ysleta, Texas Station observed a Mexico Police helicopter fly approximately 75 yards into the United States from Mexico. The helicopter then turned around and flew back to Mexico and landed on the Mexican side. Several subjects exited the helicopter and were seen stopping an eastbound vehicle. The individuals appeared to be pointing what appeared to be handguns at the driver and passengers of the vehicle as they were being searched. After a few minutes the vehicle was released and the helicopter was seen heading southeast into Mexico. The agent was not able to see any markings on the helicopter nor was he able to see if the individuals in the helicopter were wearing uniforms. The El Paso Sector Mexican Liaison Unit contacted the Mexican State Police who advised that it was their helicopter working in the area. The comandante for the Mexican Police stated that the pilot was new and did not know the area.

5. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) SAN DIEGO / IMPERIAL BEACH STATION - On January 26, 2005, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Imperial Beach, California Station observed two uniformed Tijuana, B.C., Mexico Police Officers enter the US illegally. Agents observed the two officers chase two subjects into the Tijuana River levee east of San Ysidro, CA. Agents warned the officers not to enter the

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US, but the officers did not comply. Before arresting the two subjects, the officers threw rocks at a group of people in the river. It is not known if this group of people were related to the 2 subjects the officers were chasing. The officers then arrested the two subjects they were chasing and returned them to Mexico. An agent spoke to one of the officers at the border fence. The officer told the agent "the newly elected Tijuana Mayor has ordered police to make similar raids in the area every night". The San Diego Sector Mexican Liaison unit is investigating.

6. **MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / UNINTENTIONAL) EL CENTRO / CALEXICO STATION** - On March 5, 2005, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Calexico, California Station encountered three Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico Police Officers twenty-seven miles east of Calexico, California. The Mexicali Police Officers were a few feet north of the international boundary when Border Patrol Agents encountered them. The officers were driving two marked police pickups with government license plates. The agent informed them of the incursion and advised them that Mexicali was southwest of their location. The officers stated that they were lost. The officers returned to Mexico without further incident.

7. **MEXICAN MILITARY INCURSION (ARMED / UNINTENTIONAL) UNCONFIRMED TUCSON / TUCSON STATION -**

BORFIC NOTE: This incursion has not been verified by either Border Patrol Agents or other U.S. LEA's. Although unconfirmed, the incident has historical value in the case of another similar report in the future. The fact that the helicopter had reportedly entered some five to ten miles into U. S. territory is also a factor of note, although the Air and Marine Operations Center in Riverside reported that they had no indications of any landings / air activity in that area at that time. The report of the investigating agent is included below.

(b)(6) On 04/26/05 [redacted] a resident of Arivaca, AZ, was interviewed
(b)(6) by Tucson Sector [redacted] Subject stated that on Friday
(b)(6) 04/22/05, at around 1150 hrs, he was at the [redacted] south of
(b)(6) [redacted] to visit a veterinarian. While in the house, he heard a deep
throated roar of a helicopter. He thought it was a Customs Helicopter, so
he went out to take a look.

When he got outside, the sound of the helicopter sounded more like a chugging sound. He observed a Tucson Fuel truck pulling into the Ranch to supply fuel to the ranch. He also observed a black or very dark helicopter swoop over the truck and land behind one of the ranch buildings. He observed five males come from the helicopter and walk towards the fuel truck. The five men were all dressed in black, and wore masks and body armor. They had the word "Mexico" on their sleeves and on the back of their shirts was some lettering starting with the letter "A". Three of the men had automatic rifles and the other two were armed with

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(b)(6) pistols. [redacted] went over to investigate. He asked the five men in Spanish whether they spoke English and they indicated they did not. In Spanish, [redacted] asked the men if they were Mexican Police and they said they were. He told them that they were in the United States. The men said something about the truck being the property of someone and kept walking towards the truck. [redacted] said he stopped the men and told them to go back to Mexico. After about 10 minutes, the men got back into the helicopter and left. [redacted] was unable to observe any markings on the helicopter.

(b)(6) [redacted] said that he tried to make a report using his mobile phone but he was unable to get a good signal. [redacted] [redacted] is an EMT with the Arivaca Fire Department.

(b)(6) On 04/26/05, the driver of the fuel truck was interviewed. He stated that he was at the [redacted] on 04/22/05 to deliver fuel. As he pulled in to park his truck, he observed a dark green helicopter landing near the guesthouse. He observed about five men get out. Three of the men were dressed in all black with full body armor and were all carrying assault rifles pointed at the ground. The other two men wore green uniforms but he could not get a good look at them. He observed the men talk to another individual whom he later identified as [redacted]. While they were talking, the Mexicans kept pointing towards him and the fuel truck. After a while, the men got back in the helicopter, which took off and went due south over the mountains. [redacted] said he did not observe any markings on the helicopter.

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8. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) YUMA /

(b)(2) YUMA STATION - On April 23, 2005, Yuma Sector Border Patrol [redacted] (b)(2) [redacted] observed two blue-uniformed personnel with equipment, enter the United States illegally [redacted] and the International Border area. The personnel appeared to be police officers. BORSTAR units arrived on the scene minutes later and observed two (2) people (not in uniforms) on the U.S. side, who returned to Mexico when they saw the agents. The agents also saw two police officers on the Mexican side of the border and contacted the San Luis Rio Colorado Mexican Police Department dispatcher to confirm that two of their officers were in the vicinity of the entry site. The dispatcher confirmed that two of their officers had been dispatched to that area. It was unknown to the dispatcher if the officers had entered the United States illegally. The Mexican Consulate

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the other is an adult. They are U.S. citizens and were turned over to their mother. The Dodge Stratus was also released to the mother.

11. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) EL PASO /

EL PASO STATION – On May 11, 2005, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the El Paso Station witnessed two uniformed Mexican Police officers, armed with long arms, chase one subject across the Rio Grande river. One of the officers apprehended the subject about 50 yards north of the international boundary, and escorted him back to Mexico.

The officers were dressed in black uniforms with the initials SSP on the back of the shirt. They were riding motorcycles marked CIPOL, and three of the four cycles on the Mexican side were identified as C127, C141 and C134. The officers placed the subject in an orange and green police car and drove away.

The Mexican consular office was notified. They said CIPOL is the state investigative police.

12. MEXICAN MILITARY INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) YUMA /

YUMA STATION - On June 5, 2005, a Border Patrol Air Unit pilot observed a Mexican Military incursion [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] near Yuma, Arizona. The pilot observed what appeared to be a Mexican military vehicle with five soldiers that entered the U.S. Prior to the incursion, at 2100 hrs (EST) [REDACTED]

observed three suspected smuggling vehicles enter the U.S. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Due to the rough terrain, (loose sand) two of the vehicles returned back into Mexico and the third became stuck as it attempted to return to Mexico. The subjects abandoned the vehicle and returned back to Mexico. At 2110 hrs (EST), a Mexican Humvee carrying five soldiers entered the U.S. and drove towards the abandoned vehicle. As the soldiers exited their vehicle and walked towards the abandoned vehicle, the Air Unit approached and the soldiers returned to Mexico. The Mexican soldiers were wearing desert-camouflaged uniforms and carrying M-16 rifles. The Air Unit landed near the abandoned vehicle and conducted Vehicle Registration, Wants and Warrants checks. The checks were negative. No contraband was found in the vehicle. Due to the rough terrain and the distance to the levee area the abandoned vehicle was not seized.

13. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) TUCSON /

NACO STATION On June 6, 2005: A Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Naco, Arizona Station [REDACTED] parked his

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The agent observed a blue helicopter with white lettering and a Mexican flag near the tail land near his Border Patrol vehicle. The agent could not clearly see the tail numbers, but did obtain partial lettering, "A" "F" and "I" or "T". The agent saw three persons in blue uniform shirts with white lettering on the back

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(b)(2) and blue cargo pants exit the helicopter and approach [redacted] The
(b)(2) agent states that one of the three uniformed officers was carrying a long
(b)(2) arm similar to an M-16 rifle. The unidentified persons walked to the Border
(b)(2) Patrol [redacted] and tried to look inside of the vehicle. The agent stated that
(b)(2) the three subjects were on the ground only a few minutes, then waved
(b)(2) when they saw him and returned to the helicopter and departed
(b)(2) southbound. [redacted]

[redacted]

(b)(2) [redacted] Furthermore, the helicopter [redacted]
(b)(2) as it flew back into Mexico. Mexican authorities were subsequently
(b)(2) contacted by Tucson Sector regarding the incident. When queried, the
(b)(2) Mexican pilot denied his being in the U.S., until told that his aircraft was [redacted]
(b)(2) [redacted] The pilot subsequently admitted that he did land in
(b)(2) the United States, as alleged.)

**14. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) EL CENTRO
SECTOR / CALEXICO STATION** - On June 20, 2005, Border Patrol
Agents assigned to the Calexico, California Station witnessed an incursion
into the United States by Mexican Police Officers of Mexicali, B.C. Mexico.

(b)(6) Agents arrested [redacted]
(b)(6) when he illegally entered into the United States after stealing a van in
(b)(2) Mexico and running away from pursuing Mexican Police Officers. The
(b)(2) Mexican Police Officers chased [redacted] as far as the vehicle barrier
(b)(2) (metal pole), that is located in the United States in an area known to the
(b)(2) Calexico, California Station as [redacted]
(b)(2) is located on the [redacted]

(b)(2) [redacted]
(b)(6) Border Patrol took [redacted] into custody
(b)(6) without incident. [redacted] was transported to the station for processing.
(b)(6) [redacted] requested and was processed for removal proceedings.

**15. MEXICAN MILITARY INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) TUCSON /
TUCSON STATION** - On June 27, 2005, a Tucson Sector Border Patrol
Air Operations Unit witnessed a Mexican Military Incursion at the US /
Mexico border approximately [redacted]

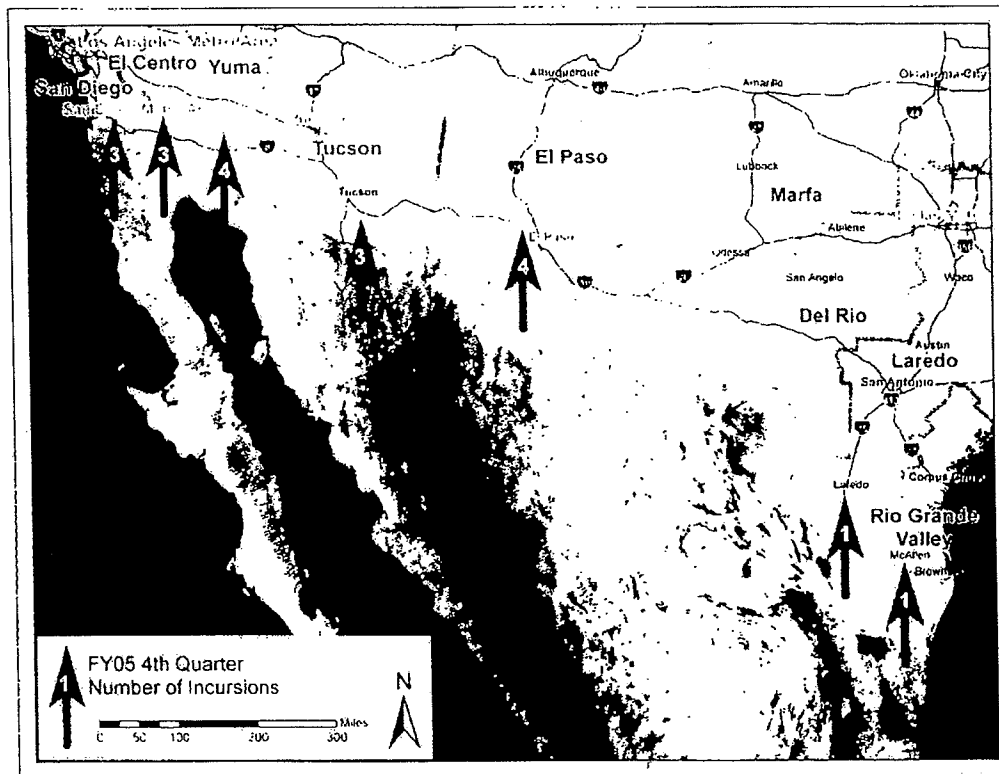
(b)(2) The air
(b)(2) unit reported seeing three subjects on foot about 100 yards north of the
(b)(2) international boundary fence. The three subjects were dressed in desert
(b)(2) fatigues and carrying long arms. As soon as the subjects saw the air unit,
(b)(2) they ran back into Mexico. The air unit also reported seeing a white
(b)(2) vehicle about 50 yards south of the international border fence. The Border
(b)(2) Patrol Mexican Liaison Officer was notified of the incident.

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19. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) SAN DIEGO SECTOR / IMPERIAL BEACH STATION - On September 24, 2005, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Imperial Beach, California Station were notified that the Tijuana, Mexico Police Department had gone in pursuit of two fleeing suspects. During the chase (still on Mexican territory), the police officers allegedly fired five pistol rounds at the fleeing suspects but the suspects were not hit. The Mexican Police apprehended the suspects about 10 yards into the U. S. and returned to Mexico. No injuries were reported.

Chronological Listing and Map of Incursions for FY 2005



1	11/18/2004	SAT	INCURSION	UNARMED	YES	EPT	
2	11/27/2004	SAT	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	RGV	YES
3	01/12/05	WED	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	SDC	
4	01/20/05	THU	INCURSION	ARMED	NO	EPT	

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5	01/26/05	WED	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	SDC	
6	03/05/05	SAT	INCURSION	ARMED	NO	ELC	
7	04/22/05	FRI	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	YUM	
8	04/23/05	SAT	INCURSION	ARMED	NO	TCA	
9	05/05/05	THU	INCURSION	UNARMED	YES	YUM	
10	05/10/05	TUE	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	LRT	YES
11	05/11/05	WED	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	EPT	
12	06/05/05	SUN	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	YUM	
13	06/06/05	MON	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	TCA	
14	06/20/05	MON	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	ELC	
15	06/29/05	WED	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	TCA	
16	07/17/05	SUN	INCURSION	UNARMED	NO	ELC	
17	08/11/05	THU	INCURSION	UNARMED	YES	EPT	YES
18	08/17/05	WED	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	YUM	
19	09/24/05	SAT	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	SDC	

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SECTION TWO – ENCOUNTERS

An Encounter is any activity by Mexican Government Personnel on the Mexican side of the U.S. – Mexico Border that which results in interaction between the parties involved.

1. **MEXICAN MILITARY ENCOUNTER – (ARMED / THREATENING)**

RIO GRANDE VALLEY / BROWNSVILLE - On February 4, 2005, agents from the Brownsville Border Patrol Station seized 224.45 pounds of marijuana near the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] During the seizure, the six subjects who were carrying the bundles managed to abscond by jumping back in the river and swimming to the Mexican side. As one of the subjects swam back, he showed signs of having trouble swimming. One of the Agents tossed him a rope while the other one called for back up. The subject was pulled back to the riverbank but still managed to abscond [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The Agents secured the marijuana and back up arrived. The Mexican Police arrived on scene and so did the Mexican Military in a Hummer. The Mexican soldiers immediately deployed alongside the river and within minutes advised that they had recovered a bundle that had been left behind. Meanwhile, the Brownsville Fire Department deployed a rescue boat to look for the subject that been helped. The rescue boat was deployed about one mile upriver with two firemen and one Border Patrol Agent. As the boat proceeded to go down river towards the scene, the Agent on board advised via radio that several Mexican soldiers were pointing their rifles in his direction. The Agent decided for his safety and the safety of the crew to turn back, but advised that the soldiers were still aiming at them. At the scene, Border Patrol Agents notified the soldiers that the boat crew was only a rescue effort for the person who almost drowned. They acknowledged and advised they would notify the others.

2. **MEXICAN MILITARY ENCOUNTER – (ARMED / NON-THREATENING) TUCSON / SONOITA** - On February 22nd, an agent encountered a small squad size element (7 soldiers) of the Mexican Army camped approximately 50 yards south of the International Boundary on the [REDACTED]

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The agent spoke to the Sub-Lieutenant (equivalent of U.S. 2nd Lt.) in command of the group and was told that they had been camped in the area for two days and that their mission was to interdict narcotics. They were with the 18th R.C.M. (Motorized Cavalry Regiment) based in Nogales, Sonora. Their unit patch is rectangular and worn on the left shoulder. It bears the markings 18 RCM, a diagonal slash from bottom left to top right, and crossed cavalry swords in the top right corner. They were all wearing desert style BDU's. They said there was another element of similar size camped in an unspecified location further west.

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3. **MEXICAN MILITARY ENCOUNTER- (ARMED / THREATENING)**

(b)(2) **TUCSON / TUCSON** On March 5, 2005, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Tucson, Arizona Station observed seven to ten suspected Mexican soldiers with long-arms south of the border approximately [redacted] of Sasabe, AZ. The agent approached the area to investigate and observed the soldiers cover several burlap bundles with a tarp. The agent got closer to the area and the soldiers began to yell at him and warn him, in a threatening manner, to stay away from the area. Tucson Sector Special Response Team and the Customs Air and Marine were notified. The Tucson Sector Mexican Liaison was notified. A lieutenant with the Mexican military was contacted and he claimed that he was not aware of any soldiers being in that area.

4. **MEXICAN POLICE ENCOUNTER- (ARMED / NON THREATENING) -**

(b)(2) **SAN DIEGO / CHULA VISTA** On April 18, 2005 at approximately 10:39 A.M., agents working in the area [redacted] of the San Ysidro Port of Entry, San Ysidro, CA., reported hearing what appeared to be gunshots coming from the south side of the international fence. Moments later they observed two males jump over the U.S.-Mexico International border fence [redacted]. They ran north across the border road and west along the southern side of the secondary border fence. Agents were able to apprehend both subjects. While taking the suspects into custody, two persons standing on the border fence, dressed in black colored tactical gear, identified themselves as Tijuana Police Officers and asked if we would return the subjects back across the border. They stated both subjects were wanted for attempting to steal a vehicle in Mexico. [redacted] Dispatch was kept informed of the incident as it occurred. Mexican Liaison was contacted and they are conducting interviews in order to collect additional information.

(b)(6) It was later determined that one of the two individuals was a United States Citizen, [redacted]. The second individual was identified as a Mexican national, [redacted]. [redacted] signed for a voluntary return to Mexico pending an interview by the Mexican Consul. [redacted] was released from custody after records checks and wants/warrants came back negative.

(b)(6) 5. **MEXICAN POLICE ENCOUNTER- (ARMED / NON THREATENING) -**

(b)(2) **EL CENTRO / CALEXICO** - On July 05, 2005 at approximately 5:30 A.M. while performing linewatch duties [redacted] a Mexican Police Officer approached the international fence and advised agents that there was a Mexican Police Officer, south east of the projects, allowing smugglers to get on top of his service vehicle and others concealed themselves in the back seat as they returned to Mexico. He also stated that the PD Officer was parked with his lights

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out facing northbound, between two buildings. The Mexican PD Officer was driving vehicle number [REDACTED]

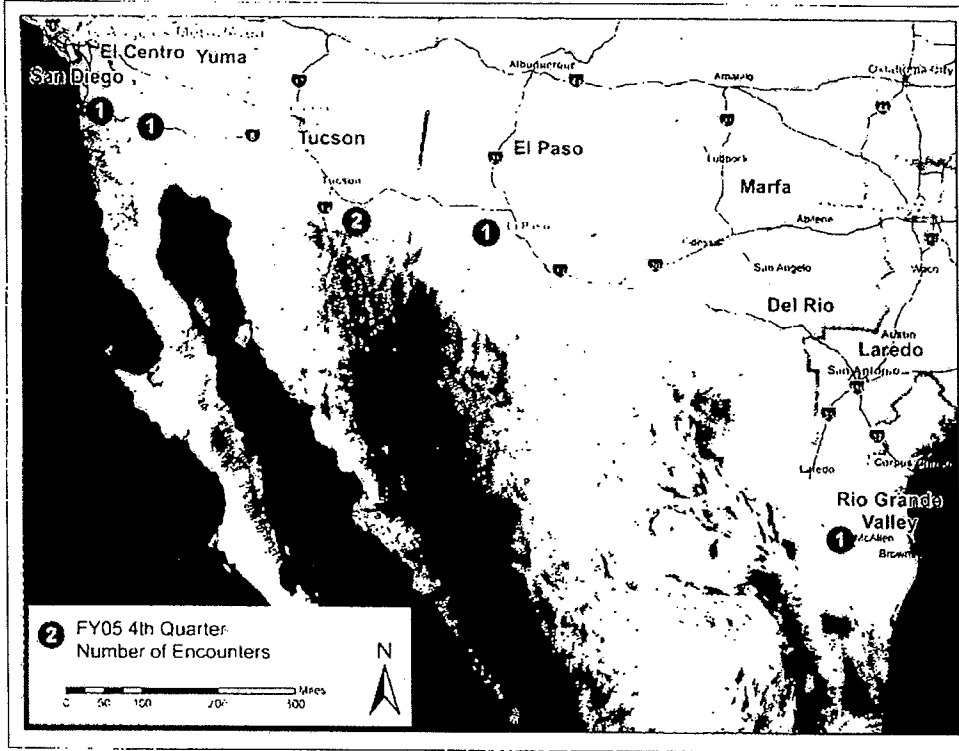
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6. **MEXICAN POLICE ENCOUNTER- (ARMED / NON THREATENING) - EL PASO / DEMING** – On August 27, 2005, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Deming, New Mexico Station observed four orange pick-up trucks with “CIPOL” on the doors, on the south side of the international boundary, approximately [REDACTED] the Columbus Port Of Entry. The pick-up trucks were traveling west on the south side of the international boundary with their lights engaged. They met up with another vehicle, which made an abrupt stop, and a male subject exited the vehicle and attempted to run away from the approaching CIPOL vehicles. The subject appeared to be snapping photos as he ran. The CIPOL officers chased the subject and apprehended and released him. The agent then met up with the CIPOL officers, and they advised that they knew the subject and released him. Numerous photos were taken of the CIPOL officers and the Border Patrol Agent. As the subject left the area in his vehicle, the agent noticed the words “PRENSA – EL HERALDO” on the back window of the subject’s vehicle.

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Chronological Listing and Map of Encounters for FY 2005



1	02/04/05	FRI	ENCOUNTER	YES	YES	RGV/BRO	
2	02/22/05	TUE	ENCOUNTER	YES	NO	TCA/SON	
3	03/05/05	SAT	ENCOUNTER	YES	YES	TCA/TUS	
4	04/18/05	MON	ENCOUNTER	YES	NO	SDC/CHU	
5	07/05/05	TUE	ENCOUNTER	YES	NO	ELC/CAX	
6	08/27/05	SAT	ENCOUNTER	YES	No	EPT/DNM	

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SECTION THREE - SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS

A Sighting is the discovery of significant Mexican Government activity on the Mexican side of the U.S.- Mexico border, which is not an encounter and may be of LEA interest.

1. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – EL CENTRO / CALEXICO STATION -

On November 10, 2004, at approximately 3:15 A. M., Border Patrol agents assigned to the Calexico Station, El Centro Sector observed headlights

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[redacted]
[redacted] near Winterhaven, California. The agents drove closer to the headlights to investigate and observed a black Humvee vehicle with six or seven individuals wearing Kevlar helmets in the bed of the truck. The Humvee traveled eastbound along the international border until it reached the [redacted]. The Humvee then drove south and disappeared.

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2. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – TUCSON / TUCSON SECTOR –

On January 15, 2005, four agents were following a trail south to Mexico, west of the [redacted]. They saw five individuals, carrying rifles and dressed in black fatigues, on the Mexican side, who appeared to be Mexican Military. This correlates with other sightings of the Mexican Military in the [redacted].

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3. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RIO GRANDE VALLEY / MERCEDES STATION –

On January 17, 2005, an agent saw 11 Mexican soldiers armed with long rifles on the south bank, [redacted] the Progreso Port of Entry. One of them seemed to have a map and was pointing out some of the details on the map to two of the others. They did not seem in any hurry to go anywhere, and it was not known if they were going to camp out in that area. After dark, they moved south, away from the river.

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4. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RIO GRANDE VALLEY /

BROWNSVILLE STATION – On January 27, 2005, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Harlingen, Texas Station seized 42.3 lbs. (19.2 kgs.) of marijuana on the bank of the Rio Grande River. Shortly afterwards, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Brownsville, Texas observed two vehicles on the Mexico side departing the same area at a high rate of speed. Approximately three minutes later, a Mexican military Humvee carrying four soldiers was also observed traveling in the same direction as the above-mentioned vehicles. Shortly thereafter, two Humvees carrying

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7. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING-RIO GRANDE VALLEY /**

BROWNSVILLE STATION - On February 21, 2005, four undocumented aliens were apprehended [redacted] of Brownsville Border Patrol Station area of operations. During the apprehension of the undocumented aliens, Mexican Military was noticed on the Mexican side. This has been the second time Mexican Military has been around the area when undocumented aliens are apprehended in this general area. All four subjects were then transported to the Brownsville Border Patrol Station for further processing.

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8. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING-RIO GRANDE VALLEY / FT. BROWN**

On March 2, 2005 at approximately 1415 hours, an agent observed three men standing on the roof of a Mexican factory. Two of the men appeared to be dressed in military uniforms, one with a rifle slung across his back. The men appeared to be observing Border Patrol [redacted] along the Rio Grande River, [redacted] [redacted] the Los Tomates Port of Entry in Brownsville, Texas. The area is [redacted] most Road and [redacted] Brownsville, Texas.

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9. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING - RIO GRANDE VALLEY / RIO**

GRANDE CITY - On March 5, 2005, at approximately 1230 hours, an agent observed six subjects wading across the Rio Grande River down-river of Refugio, Texas. The agent then proceeded to drive down-river towards the location. Upon arriving in the area, about [redacted] [redacted] the agent observed all six individuals making their way back into the Mexican side. At that time two Mexican Military Officers made their way onto the riverbank on the Mexican side to stop and question the individuals. They remained there for about 30 minutes searching the riverbank, then all eight individuals walked into the brush and out of sight.

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10. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING - EL PASO SECTOR / YSLETA**

STATION - On March 14, 2005, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Ysleta station called the MLU and reported that they had observed a blue mini-van and a green truck with what appeared to be Mexican soldiers on the [redacted]. Agents also reported that the truck might be escorting the blue van. At one point the vehicles stopped and the occupants of the van crossed the river north into the US and began to take pictures. Agents said that the subjects presented themselves as reporters from another country, possibly England. The MLU immediately contacted the Mexican Commanding General who dispatched officers. The general later told the MLU that soldiers were not escorting the van, but rather, were also attempting to see what they were doing [redacted]. Because no violation was committed the van was escorted off of the levee at the base of the [redacted] and allowed to leave.

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11. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RIO GRANDE VALLEY / FT. BROWN STATION - On June 13, 2005, at approximately 1340 hrs. an agent

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[redacted] observed a group of Mexican Military patrolling the river area. Two military camouflage Humvees were parked south of the mentioned area. It appeared that the Mexican Military were questioning individuals on the south side of the riverbank. Minutes later, after the military checked the nearby tree line they departed, traveling down river. The patch on the soldiers was not visible due to distance. The number of people inside the vehicles is unknown but appears to be at least 9, wearing ballistic vests and carrying M-16s, plus there was an automatic weapon mounted on top of the Humvee.

12. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING - RIO GRANDE VALLEY / BROWNSVILLE STATION - On June 14, 2005, at 10:30AM, while

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[redacted] the writer observed four Mexican soldiers on the Mexican side [redacted]

[redacted] The four men were dressed in camouflage uniforms with body armor carrying H&K G-3 rifles. The soldiers appeared to be making a search of the riverbank. The soldiers were driving a military Humvee. There was also a dark-gray Dodge Ram Truck next to the Humvee. The license plates of the Truck were not visible.

13. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – YUMA / YUMA STATION – On July 7, 2005, Agents assigned to the Yuma Arizona station were [redacted]

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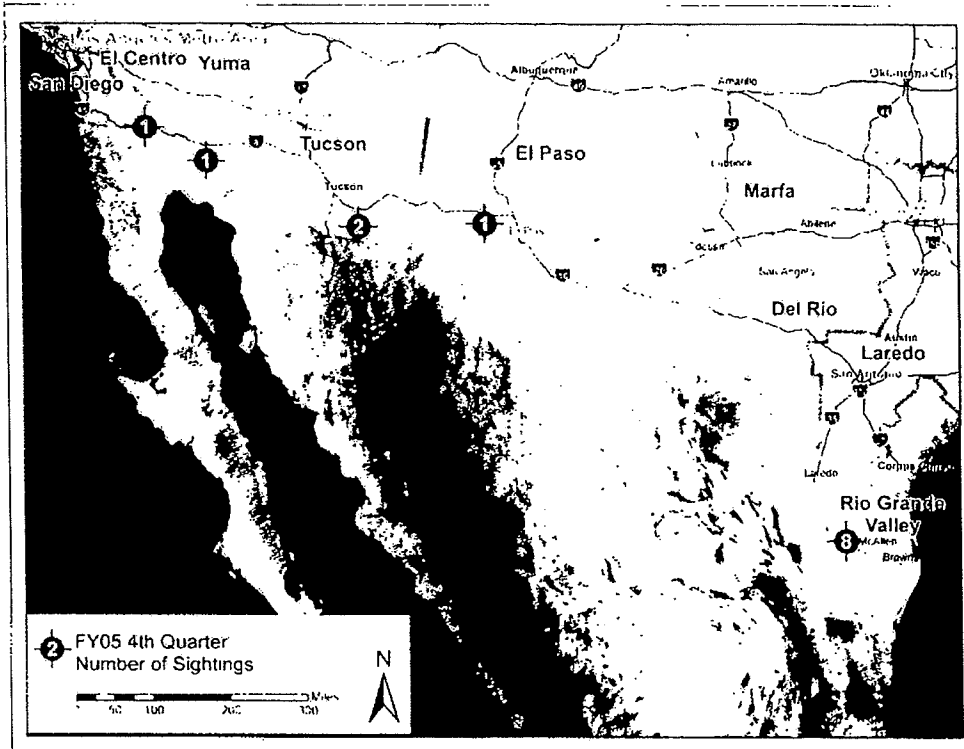
[redacted] along the border when they observed a vehicle driving with its lights off illegally enter the U.S. The vehicle immediately initiated a U-turn and attempted to flee back to Mexico. Agents reported hearing an unknown amount of shots fired from Mexico, and the sound of an engine revving. Agents searched the area and the vehicle to ensure no injuries were sustained. The agents noticed a Mexican Military Humvee and Military personnel armed with rifles on the Mexican side of the river. The Mexican military left the area. A group of 18 individuals then approached the agents and surrendered. During processing, the aliens made statements that they had been robbed, beaten and shot at by the Mexican soldiers. They also stated that the soldiers had kept one of the two female members of their group. The group stated that the soldiers ordered them to cross back into the U.S. and a truck would be waiting for them. The Mexican Consulate and the Yuma Sector Liaison Officer were contacted and conducted interviews of the individuals. Arrangements to inspect the vehicle on the Mexican side were attempted. The Consulate and the liaison Officer were told that the vehicle was set on fire.

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Chronological Listing and Map of Sightings for FY 2005



1	11/10/2004	WED	SIGHTING	ELC	CAX
2	01/15/2005	SAT	SIGHTING	TCA	TUS
3	01/17/2005	MON	SIGHTING	RGV	MER
4	01/27/2005	THU	SIGHTING	RGV	BRP
5	01/31/2005	MON	SIGHTING	TCA	DGL
6	02/12/2005	SAT	SIGHTING	RGV	FTB
7	02/21/2005	TRU	SIGHTING	RGV	BRO
8	03/02/2005	WED	SIGHTING	RGV	FTB
9	03/05/2005	SAT	SIGHTING	RGV	RGC
10	03/14/2005	MON	SIGHTING	EPT	YST
11	06/13/2005	MON	SIGHTING	RGV	FTB
12	06/14/2005	TUE	SIGHTING	RGV	BRP
13	07/07/2005	THU	SIGHTING	YUM	YUM

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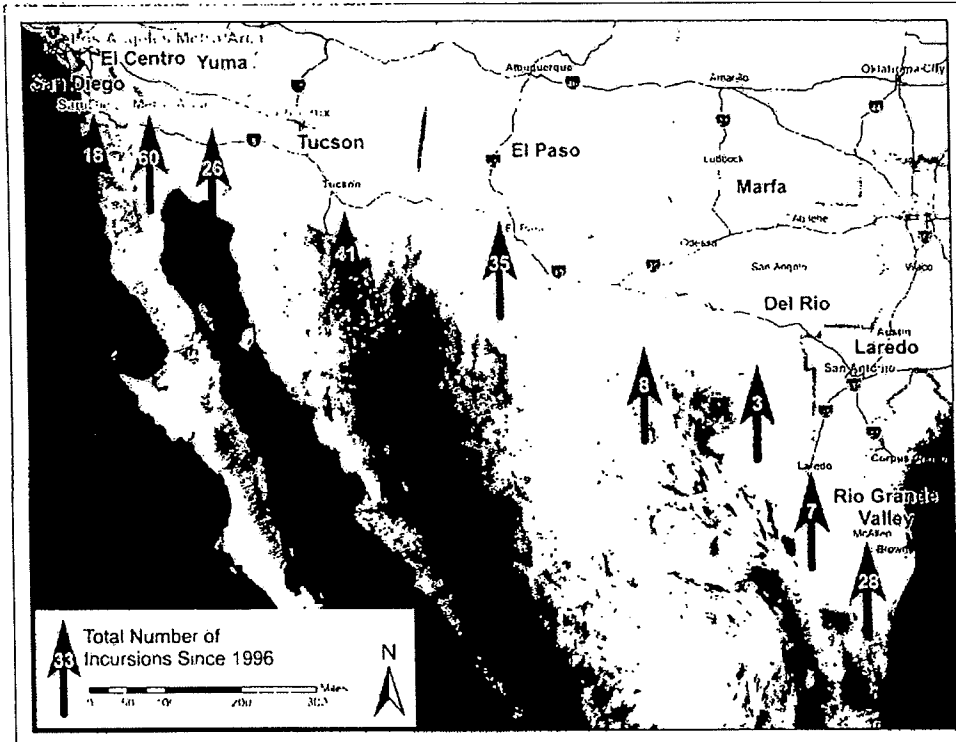
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As of September 30, 2005

SDC ELC YUM TCA EPT MAR DRT LRT RGV
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SECTOR	SDC	ELC	YUM	TCA	EPT	MAR	DRT	LRT	RGV	TOTAL
FY 96	2	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	9
FY 97	0	3	2	2	2	2	0	0	1	12
FY 98	2	5	1	3	3	5	1	1	0	21
FY 99	0	5	2	9	8	0	0	1	3	28
FY 00	1	2	3	5	4	0	1	0	7	23
FY 01	1	9	6	9	3	0	1	0	5	34
FY 02	2	22	4	3	1	0	0	1	7	40
FY 03	3	3	4	3	5	1	0	1	2	22
FY 04	4	5	0	1	4	0	0	2	2	18
FY 05	3	3	4	3	4	0	0	1	1	19
TOTAL	18	60	26	41	35	8	3	7	28	226

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