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Mexican Government Border Incursions on the Rise According to New Documents Uncovered by JW

In May, Mexican President Felipe Calderon had the gall to criticize Arizona's tough new illegal immigration law from the well of Congress before a joint session. Perhaps he should have taken some time to explain why Mexican government officials, including members of the Mexican military, continue to violate our sovereign border.

On March 22, 2010, Judicial Watch received records from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) concerning Mexican government incursions and encounters along the U.S. border. The documents were incomplete and included significant gaps in the data, but nonetheless indicate an increase in the number of incursions in 2008 and 2009. Judicial Watch's analysis of the data shows:

- 76 Mexican government incursions from January 2008 to December 2009 (data missing from February 2009)
- 50 Mexican government incursions in 2008 alone, which is double the number of incursions from the previous year
- 528 assaults against CBP agents from January – June 2008
- 11 assaults against National Guard agents with CBP from January – June 2008



Mexican President Felipe Calderon criticized Arizona's tough new illegal immigration law from the well of Congress but failed to explain why Mexican government officials, including members of the Mexican military continue to cross the border and attack U.S. Border Patrol Agents.

By comparison, CBP statistics Judicial Watch previously obtained confirmed 25 incursions in Fiscal Year 2007. And overall, according to data obtained by Judicial Watch, there were 226 Mexican government incursions between 1996 and 2005.

In addition to the incursion data, the CBP also records the number of tunnels discovered along the border which are allegedly used for smuggling and human trafficking. In 2008 alone, CBP discovered 25 of these tunnels. Overall, between 1990 and March 2009, CBP discovered

103 tunnels along U.S. borders — one along the U.S border with Canada and 102 along the U.S. border with Mexico.

Judicial Watch investigators have separately uncovered shocking evidence of the human smuggling problem in Phoenix, widely considered the “kidnapping capital of the U.S.” Mexican drug cartels and gangs continue to kidnap unsuspecting illegal aliens and keep them hostage in “drop houses” in the suburbs of Phoenix, the nation's fifth largest city, so they can extort more money from

the families of these hostages.

The most recent batch of documents obtained by Judicial Watch from the CBP is missing large amounts of data. Judicial Watch requested incursion and encounter reports from January 2008 to present. However, CBP provided full statistical reports for the first six months of 2008 only. The remaining reports only include the numbers of incursions. Moreover, data for February 2009 is missing entirely. Judicial Watch has already filed an appeal with CBP to obtain the missing information.

However, even with incomplete information, the documents show that President Obama and the federal government continue to be derelict in securing the nation's southern border. These new government documents depict a chaotic and dangerous situation for our nation's Border Patrol agents — and for border states such as Arizona.

“As I've said time and time again, granting amnesty to illegal aliens, which is the centerpiece of Obama's immigration 'reform', will only make matters worse. And we simply cannot allow the situation on the border with Mexico to continue



to deteriorate,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “Agents of the Mexican government violate our sovereign border on a regular basis, and something needs to be done about it.”

Previous Mexican government incursion documents obtained by Judicial Watch describe incidents involving shots fired on both sides of the border, unmarked helicopters invading U.S. airspace, drug smuggling, and confrontations between U.S. Border Patrol agents and members of the Mexican military. **JW**



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