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**Department of Homeland Security
Customs and Border Protection
Office of Border Patrol**



Mexican Government Incidents

2007

FISCAL YEAR REPORT

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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.

Time Period: This document provides the most recent, corrected and amended information/intelligence available.

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MEXICAN GOVERNMENT INCIDENTS, for FY 2007: Mexican Government Incursions, Encounters and Sightings on the Southwestern Border.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AS OF: **September 30, 2007**

From 1996 to present, the Office of Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center (BORFIC) has confirmed two hundred and seventy eight incursions into the United States by Mexican government personnel.

INCURSIONS

- As of September 30, 2007, the Office of Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center (BORFIC) has confirmed **25** incursions, during FY 2007.
 - 4 by Mexican Military personnel.
 - 21 by Mexican Police Officials.

Locations:

San Diego Sector: **3**
El Centro Sector: **8**
Yuma Sector: **7**
Tucson Sector: **4**
El Paso Sector: **2**
Marfa Sector: **0**
Del Rio: **0**
Laredo Sector: **1**
Rio Grande Valley Sector: **0**

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ENCOUNTERS

- As of September 30, 2007 the Office of Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center (BORFIC) has confirmed **2 encounters** during FY 2007.

Location:

Marfa: **One**

Tucson: **One**

SIGHTINGS

- As of September 30, 2007, the Office of Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center (BORFIC) has confirmed **21 sightings** during FY 2007.

Locations:

San Diego: **One**

El Paso: **Three**

Laredo: **Two**

Rio Grande Valley: **Fifteen**

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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 by Mexican Government Personnel.
- 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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SUBJECT: The following is a listing of Mexican Government Incidents reported through FY2007:

SECTION ONE – 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.

- 1. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (INTENTIONAL) SAN DIEGO SECTOR-EL CAJON STATION** – On November 7, 2006, a Border Patrol Agent was traveling southbound in Bell Valley area of Campo, California. As he was approximately ¼ mile north of the International Border, he observed a helicopter flying around the immediate border. The helicopter had its spotlight on and was lighting up the bridge area on the west side of Bell Valley. The Agent asked dispatch if our helicopter was in the area and needed assistance. The Agent was advised by dispatch that there was no Service aircraft or any other aircraft known to them to be flying at this time. As the Agent continued towards the helicopter and came within ¼ mile east of the helicopter, the helicopter immediately turned off its spotlight and all aircraft lights and flew south from the International Border.
- 2. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / UNINTENTIONAL) YUMA SECTOR-YUMA STATION** - On November 18, 2006, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Yuma, Arizona Station observed a white pickup truck with markings of a Los Algodones, Baja California police driving towards them from the direction of the Andrade, California POE. The truck reached their position and the two occupants, both wearing police uniforms, exited the vehicle. When the Agent explained to them that they were in the US, the Officers, surprised by this information, quickly got into

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their vehicle and crossed back into Mexico. The Agent reported the duration of the incursion was approximately two minutes. The area is marked by one-foot tall widely spaced concrete pylons that are not highly visible. In places, these pylons have been overgrown by vegetation. There are numerous roads that parallel and weave across the border repeatedly due to the high amount of vehicle traffic along this area. It is very possible that the Mexican Police unit was unaware that they had in fact crossed the border. The Mexican Liaison Unit was contacted and will advise their Mexican counterparts of the incident.

The Mexican Consulate was notified.

3. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) YUMA SECTOR-YUMA STATION

- On November 23, 2006, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Yuma, Arizona Sector SRT conducting operations near the Imperial Sand Dunes witnessed a marked Los Algodones, Baja California, Mexico Police Department (LAPD) pickup truck [REDACTED] lead a caravan of vehicles to the US/Mexico border. After a brief meeting, all of the vehicles drove north across the border, with the exception of a black Jeep Cherokee, which contained a large number of people. The Duty Supervisor at the Yuma Station was notified of the incident, and contacted Mexican authorities and the LAPD. An LAPD Officer confirmed the marked unit does belong to his agency. A short time later, agents observed the same black Jeep Cherokee drive north across the border into the US and escort the entire caravan back to Mexico after a National Guard helicopter flew over the area. Agents could not determine whether people or contraband had been off-loaded during the incursion.

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4. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) SAN DIEGO SECTOR-IMPERIAL BEACH STATION

- On November 28, 2006, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Imperial Beach, California Station observed a Mexican Police incursion involving seven Tijuana Municipal Police Department (TJPD) officers who entered the US illegally in pursuit of three individuals near the South Levee in Imperial Beach, CA. The agent initially observed one individual illegally enter the US from Mexico by climbing over the International Border fence with four TJPD officers in pursuit. The agent then observed two additional individuals illegally enter the US in the same general area with three TJPD officers in pursuit. The agent confronted the first four TJPD officers and advised that they had no authority to pursue subjects into US. The TJPD officers stated they were pursuing an individual who had just shot one of their officers in Mexico, and they refused to disengage from the pursuit. The TJPD officers apprehended the three individuals and returned to Mexico with them in their custody. The agent observed Mexican media on the south side of the border fence who appeared to be filming the entire incident.

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5. **MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) YUMA SECTOR-YUMA STATION** - On December 5, 2006, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Yuma, Arizona Station observed two Grupo Beta officials enter the United States east of the Andrade, CA POE and recover a raft that was floating near the bank of the "Alamo Pond". The raft had been used by a group of aliens who illegally entered the US. The Grupo Beta officials walked approximately 20 or 30 yards into the US. Agents were able to identify the Grupo Beta officials by their clothing and the markings on their vehicle. The Mexican Liaison Unit was notified of the incursion. No contact with Grupo Beta officials was made.

6. **MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) EL CENTRO SECTOR- CALEXICO STATION** - On January 4, 2007, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Calexico, California Station observed two armed individuals who appeared to be Mexican Law Enforcement Officials enter the US 12 miles east of Calexico, CA. The individuals briefly spoke with two fishermen and then returned to Mexico prior to agents arriving. The fishermen stated the individuals appeared to be Mexicali Municipal Police and questioned them as to who they were and what they were doing. The El Centro Sector Mexican Liaison Unit and Mexican authorities were notified of the incident. Mexican authorities stated they would dispatch officers to corroborate the information.

The Mexican Consulate was notified.

7. **MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (UNINTENTIONAL) LAREDO SECTOR-LAREDO SOUTH STATION** - On January 20, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Laredo South, Texas Station received a report of a low flying aircraft that had crossed into US Airspace near Laredo, TX. Agents spotted a blue and white helicopter with AFI marked on the body traveling in US Airspace along the Rio Grande River. At one point the aircraft was spotted approximately one mile into the US. The FAA was contacted, and they confirmed the sighting. FAA stated that the aircraft did not receive permission to enter US Airspace and that they were unable to make contact with the aircraft. Sector Air Operations was notified. A CBP Air Unit responded and confirmed the sighting, stating the aircraft was back in Mexican air space. The Mexican Embassy was contacted. Agents were advised that this aircraft was on a classified mission and identified the aircraft as belonging to the Mexican PGR with the tail number [REDACTED]

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8. **MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (UNINTENTIONAL) YUMA SECTOR-YUMA STATION** - On January 24, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Yuma, Arizona Station reported that they observed three Mexican Police Officers approximately 100 yards north of the US/Mexico Border near Andrade, CA. The incursion was inadvertent as the result of a joint effort to apprehend a group of illegal aliens. The Mexican Police Officers returned to Mexico upon seeing the Agents.

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- 9. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED/INTENTIONAL) EL CENTRO SECTOR – EL CENTRO STATION** - On February 21, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the El Centro, California Station observed four armed Mexican Police Officers 50 yards north of the US/Mexico border. The Police Officers retrieved a raft from the south levy of the All American Canal and then returned to Mexico without further incident.

The Mexican Consulate was notified.

- 10. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / UNINTENTIONAL) SAN DIEGO SECTOR/ BROWNFIELD STATION** - On April 11, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the San Diego, California Sector Air Mobile Unit (AMU) reported that an unmarked blue UH-1 Huey helicopter entered U.S. airspace from Mexico in the Brownfield, CA Station's area of operations. The aircraft circled the agents who were operating on the ground. Agents contacted Grupo Beta in Mexico, who in turn notified the aircraft and instructed it to leave the area. Grupo Beta stated that the pilot did not know he was in the United States. The aircraft returned to Mexico. The aircraft did not land in the United States or make any contact with agents on the ground.

The Mexican Consulate was notified.

- 11. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (INTENTIONAL) EL CENTRO/EL CENTRO –** On April 13, 2007, a National Guardsman assigned to the Calexico, California Station observed two Mexican police officers enter the United States approximately three miles west of the Calexico POE. The Mexican officers approached two subjects approximately 50 yards into the United States, handcuffed the two subjects and then escorted them back to Mexico. The El Centro Sector Mexican Liaison Unit was contacted.

- 12. MEXICAN MILITARY INCURSION (ARMED/INTENTIONAL) TUCSON/TUCSON –** On April 23, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Tucson, Arizona Station, reported a Mexican Military incursion on the Tres Bellotas Ranch near Arivaca, AZ. The Agents were using night vision equipment and observed the soldiers, seven to ten Mexican Military personnel in Humvees carrying long arms. The agents began to slowly back away from the group when another Mexican soldier turned on a flashlight and began to call out to the agents saying Mexicanos? Mexicanos? This individual was approximately 150 yards north of the US/Mexico International Boundary. The agents continued to back away from the subject when they heard the soldier chamber a round into his rifle. The agents continued to observe the soldiers with night vision and observed that the military personnel had fanned out in a tactical formation on both sides of the US/Mexico International Boundary. By the time air support and additional units had arrived, all Mexican Military personnel had returned back to Mexico. Additional Agents, the Tucson Sector Special Response Team, and a CBP Air Unit responded to the area to provide

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assistance. When the CBP Air Unit responded the Mexican Military Personnel had moved to a small camp on the south of the US/Mexico border. Two Supervisory Border Patrol Agents spoke with the soldiers at the border. The Mexican Military personnel stated they were in the area to patrol for illegal narcotic and alien activity and denied being north of the border. The Agents stated there was foot sign from military style boots on both sides of the border. The Mexican Authorities were notified.

13. MEXICAN MILITARY INCURSION (ARMED/INTENTIONAL) EL

CENTRO/CALEXICO - On May 12, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Calexico, California Station encountered vehicle tracks entering the United States from Mexico. The agents followed the tracks until they saw a Mexican military vehicle in the distance, which was approximately a quarter mile north of the international border. The agents observed eight individuals, two of which were carrying what appeared to be automatic weapons. The agents moved to an alternate position to maintain surveillance of the subjects. The agents immediately notified their chain of command. The El Centro Mexican Liaison Unit notified the Mexican authorities. The suspect vehicle and personnel returned to Mexico a short time later.

14. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (INTENTIONAL) EL PASO/DEMING -

On May 13, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Deming, New Mexico Station reported that a marked Mexican Police Bell 206 helicopter with tail number [REDACTED] entered US airspace from Mexico. The aircraft flew approximately one-quarter mile into the US, near the Port of Columbus, NM. March Air Force Base advised BP Agents that they had detected the incursion, identified the aircraft, and observed that the helicopter remained in the US airspace for approximately four minutes. The Sector Liaison Unit reported the helicopter was searching for a group of lost Mexican nationals. The aircraft returned to Mexico. At no time did the aircraft land in the US or make contact with ground personnel.

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15. MILITARY INCURSION (ARMED/INTENTIONAL) TUCSON

SECTOR/SONOITA STATION - On July 5, 2007, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Sonoita, Arizona Station encountered six subjects dressed in tan colored BDU style clothing armed with automatic rifles near monument 113 on the International Boundary near Patagonia, AZ. One of the subjects was observed afoot on the US side of the border. A military style Humvee and a black Suburban were parked on the Mexican side of the border near the other five subjects. Two of the subjects appeared to be carrying bundles of narcotics on their backs. Once the subjects became aware of the agent's presence, they returned to their vehicles and departed the area. No contact was made with the subjects. No markings or military insignia were observed on the vehicles or on the subjects clothing. The Mexican "Centro De Control, Commando, Communication, y Comput" (Mexican Emergency Services) were notified of the incident.

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- 16. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) EL CENTRO SECTOR/CALEXICO STATION-** On July 20, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Calexico, California Station reported that Remote Video Surveillance System operators observed two Mexican Officials walk north into the United States approximately four miles east of the Calexico Port of Entry. An Agent responded to the scene and observed two males dressed in blue police uniforms with gun belts inspecting an abandoned vehicle 10 yards north of the border. The Agent made contact with the Officials and informed them they were in the US. The two Officials returned to Mexico without incident.
- 17. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) EL CENTRO SECTOR/CALEXICO STATION-** On July 25, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Calexico, California Station reported that Remote Video Surveillance operators observed two uniformed Mexican Police Officers at the border near Calexico, Ca. One officer appeared to be armed with a rifle. The armed officer entered approximately 50 yards into the U.S. to speak with an unidentified man who was bathing in the All American Canal. The officer returned to Mexico without incident. The Mexican liaison and Mexican authorities were notified.
- 18. MEXICAN MILITARY INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) TUCSON SECTOR/AJO STATION-** On July 12, 2007, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Ajo Station encountered five males individuals carrying M-16 rifles, wearing desert camouflage fatigues, and military style gear harnesses near the Papago Camp. Three of the individuals walked up to the border fence from the south side, but did not cross. Two of the individuals were on the north side of the fence on the border road. As the Agent passed their location in his vehicle, they asked for water. The Agent declined their request and reported the incident via service radio. The Agent's supervisor requested that the Agent return to the camp. The International Liaison Unit was notified of the incident.
- 19. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED/INTENTIONAL) EL CENTRO SECTOR/CALEXICO STATION -** On August 26, 2007, Remote Video Surveillance System (RVSS) operators assigned to the Calexico, California Station observed a red Ford F-150 south of the All American Canal between the United States and Mexico. The F-150 drove eastbound into the brush then disappeared for several minutes. The operators observed three individuals near where they last observed the F-150. One of the individuals had a rifle and another was looking through binoculars. The individuals then walked back into the brush and drove out of the brush heading eastbound. Agents responded to the area, encountered the vehicle, and performed a vehicle stop. As the agents approached, the driver stated that he was a Mexican Federal Agent. They observed a semi-automatic AR-15 type rifle on the front seat and a semi-automatic pistol in the waistband of the driver. The agents determined that all three individuals were citizens and nationals of Mexico illegally

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present in the United States. The agents arrested [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The agents found credentials on the driver indicating that [REDACTED] is an Agent for the Mexican Agencia Federal De Investigacion. The agents searched the vehicle and discovered several items to include: guns, ammunition, narcotics, night vision equipment, cell-phones, a walkie talkie and a ski mask. UPDATE TO FOLLOW.

20. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED/INTENTIONAL) EL CENTRO

SECTOR/CALEXICO STATION- On August 26, 2007, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the El Centro, California Sector Headquarters reported that private security guards with Desert Security Services observed an incursion by Mexican police approximately 5 miles west of Calexico, California. The guards were hired by Sundt Construction, a Border Patrol contractor, to provide physical security while they complete construction of El Centro Sector's border fence. The guards advised that they saw two armed men on motorcycles pass them, traveling eastbound, on the south canal bank of the All-American Canal. Both motorcycles had "policia" written on them and the back of both men's shirts had "policia" written on them. The guard stated the men never stopped and no one made contact with them. The El Centro Station and the El Centro Sector Mexican Liaison Unit were advised of the incident.

21. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED/INTENTIONAL) YUMA

SECTOR/YUMA STATION- On September 19, 2007, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Yuma, Arizona Station observed a Mexican aircraft fly into US airspace at the Mexican border. A black UH-1 helicopter with no visible markings was paralleling the border fence on the US side for approximately two miles. The helicopter landed in a field approximately 200 yards south of the border. AMOC tracked the helicopter from Puerto Penasco until they lost radar contact when it landed.

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

SECTOR/EL PASO STATION- On September 20, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the El Paso, Texas Station reported that a Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico Police Officer (JPD) illegally entered the United States. The officer was pursuing [REDACTED] on foot near El Paso, TX. The JPD Officer, in full JPD uniform, pursued [REDACTED] approximately 44 ft into the US before returning back to Mexico. [REDACTED] was apprehended by agents and had a visible limp. [REDACTED] told agents that the JPD officer had hit [REDACTED] with a rifle in the knee. [REDACTED] requested medical treatment and was transported to Las Palmas Medical Center in El Paso, TX for evaluation and treatment. UPDATE TO FOLLOW.

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23. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED/INTENTIONAL) TUCSON SECTOR/CASA GRANDE STATION-

On September 21, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Casa Grande, Arizona Station reported that a black helicopter with a Mexican flag on the side crossed into US airspace near San Miguel, AZ. Agents reported sighting the helicopter several times approximately two miles north of the International Boundary. The CBP A&M Operations Center (AMOC) was contacted and identified the helicopter as a PGR (Mexican Federal Police) UH-1 bearing tail # [REDACTED] AMOC advised agents that the helicopter had already returned to Mexico and was near Sasabe, AZ. There were no further sightings by agents after the helicopter flew south.

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24. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED/UNINTENTIONAL) YUMA SECTOR/YUMA STATION-

On September 23, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Yuma, Arizona Station reported that a UH-1 helicopter belonging to the Mexican Federal Investigative Agency (AFI) was observed crossing the international border into the Yuma Sector area of operations. Earlier that day a Border Patrol vehicle was stolen and driven into Mexico [REDACTED] The Mexican aircraft was assisting in the search for the stolen Border Patrol vehicle. It appears that the incursion was inadvertent and due to low light conditions. The Air Marine Operations Center (AMOC) in Riverside, California confirmed that the aircraft penetrated the border to a depth of about one mile and reported that the aircraft returned to Mexican airspace shortly after crossing into the US.

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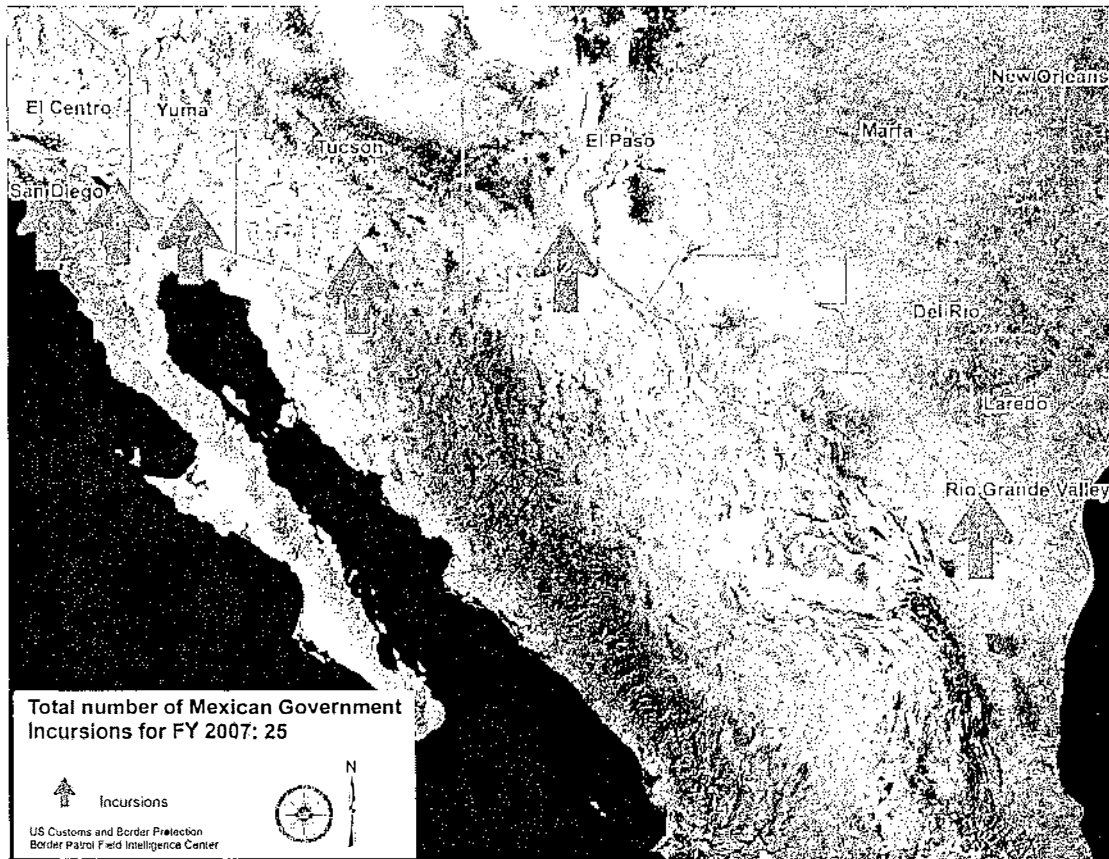
25. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED/INTENTIONAL) YUMA SECTOR/YUMA STATION-

On September 29, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Yuma, Arizona Station reported an incursion into the US by Mexican law enforcement west of the San Luis, AZ POE. Two San Luis Mexican Police Department (SLPD) officers wearing body armor and carrying M-16 rifles were seen by agents approximately two hundred yards north of the International Border walking south toward Mexico. The SLPD confirmed that two of their officers inadvertently entered the US while they were chasing suspects. The officers returned to Mexico before agents could make contact. The Mexican Liaison Unit was notified.

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Chronological Listing and Map of Incursions for FY 2007



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	DATE	DAY	TYPE OF INCIDENT	INTENTIONAL	SECTOR	POE
1	11/07/06	TUES	INCURSION UNKNOWN	YES	SDC	
2	11/18/06	SAT	INCURSION ARMED	NO	YUM	
3	11/23/06	THUR	INCURSION ARMED	YES	YUM	
4	11/28/06	TUE	INCURSION ARMED	YES	SDC	
5	12/05/06	TUE	INCURSION ARMED	YES	YUM	
6	01/04/07	THUR	INCURSION ARMED	YES	ELC	
7	01/20/07	SAT	INCURSION ARMED	NO	LRT	
8	01/24/07	WED	INCURSION ARMED	YES	YUM	
9	02/21/07	WED	INCURSION ARMED	YES	ELC	
10	04/11/07	WED	INCURSION ARMED	NO	SDC	
11	04/13/07	FRI	INCURSION UNKNOWN	YES	ELC	
12	04/23/07	MON	INCURSION ARMED	YES	TCA	
13	05/12/07	SAT	INCURSION ARMED	YES	ELC	
14	05/13/07	SUN	INCURSION ARMED	YES	EPT	
15	07/05/07	THUR	INCURSION ARMED	YES	TCA	
16	07/20/07	FRI	INCURSION ARMED	YES	ELC	
17	07/26/07	THUR	INCURSION ARMED	YES	ELC	
18	07/12/07	THUR	INCURSION ARMED	YES	TCA	
19	08/26/07	SAT	INCURSION ARMED	YES	ELC	
20	08/26/07	SAT	INCURSION ARMED	YES	ELC	
21	09/19/07	WED	INCURSION ARMED	YES	YUM	
22	09/20/07	THUR	INCURSION ARMED	YES	EPT	
23	09/21/07	FRI	INCURSION ARMED	YES	TCA	
24	09/23/04	SUN	INCURSION ARMED	NO	YUM	
25	09/29/07	SAT	INCURSION ARMED	YES	YUM	

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SECTION TWO – ENCOUNTERS

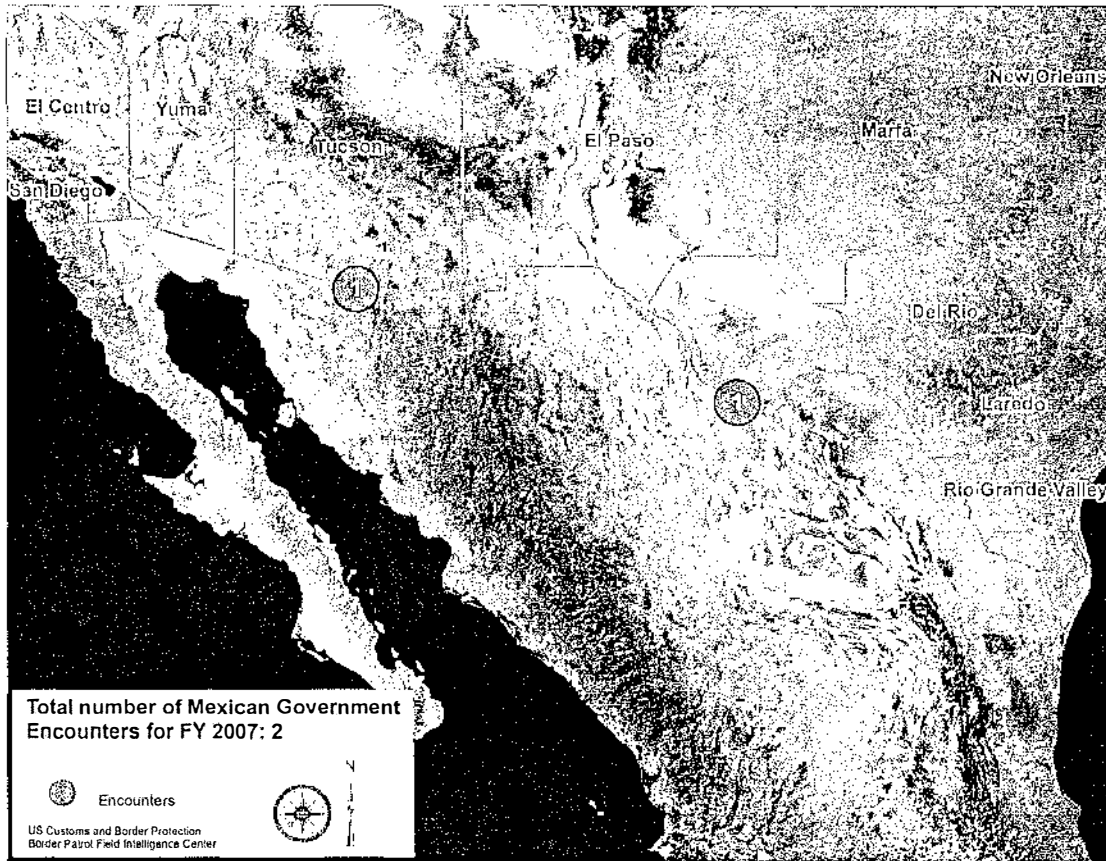
An Encounter is any activity by Mexican Government Personnel on the Mexican side of the U.S. – Mexico Border that which results in interaction between the parties involved.

- 1. MEXICAN MILITARY ENCOUNTER – (NON- THREATENING)TUCSON SECTOR/ CASA GRANDE STATION** – On February 1, 2007, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Casa Grande, Arizona Station reported that National Guardsmen were approached by Mexican Military personnel near San Miguel, AZ while working on the new International Border fence. At no time did the Mexican Military personnel enter the United States. The National Guardsmen were directed to leave the area by the Agent on scene. The Agent reported that the Mexican Military personnel inquired about the fence and its placement relative to the International Border. The Agent explained that the fence was being built three feet north of the International Border. The Mexican Military personnel subsequently left the scene without incident. The Tucson Sector Mexican Liaison Unit was contacted and advised that the Mexican Authorities were notified about the project a month earlier.
- 2. MEXICAN MILITARY ENCOUNTER MARFA SECTOR/SIERRA BLANCA STATION-** On July 17, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Sierra Blanca, Texas Station observed military type vehicles driving along the International Boundary in Mexico near Sierra Blanca, TX. Contact was established with Mexican authorities and agents were advised that patrols by Mexican Military would be conducted for approximately one month. At approximately 2100 hours, Mexican Military was still observed in the area.

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Chronological Listing and Map of Encounters for FY 2007



DATE	DAY	TYPE OF INCIDENT	SECTOR	MILITARY UNIT/GOVERNMENT AGENCY
1 2/01/07	THUR	ENCOUNTER	TCA	
2 7/17/07	TUE	ENCOUNTER	MAR	

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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 – EPT SECTOR, FHT STATION** – On 01/13/07, at approximately 1145 hours, Fort Hancock Border Patrol Agents observed four Mexican military soldiers standing next to a green Hum-V. They were wearing camouflage green and brown uniforms. No visible insignias were seen on their uniforms or the vehicle. One of the soldiers was carrying a long arm with a sling wrapped around his shoulder. They were just southwest of the Miller's Compound approximately 1.7 miles west of the Fort Hancock Port of Entry in Zone 37. It appeared as if they were patrolling the Mexican side of the border. No other observations were made.
2. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING- SDC SECTOR, BLV STATION-** On 02/10/07, a dark colored military style Humvee was spotted in the area of Jacume, Baja California, Mexico, as it drove east along the border. The vehicle was south of the border in Mexico the entire time. Agents observed that the Humvee had 8 occupants in the rear of the Humvee with 2 in front passenger compartment as it drove back in forth in the area known as the Old Port. All occupants wore light colored fatigues. Agent was unable to determine if the personnel were armed. The Humvee and all occupants eventually drove eastbound out of sight towards an area known as the "Airport". Agent believed that the subjects were Mexican Military.
3. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR, MCS STATION** - On March 5, 2007, Agents assigned to Marine Operations in the McAllen Station AOR observed six to nine individuals dressed in military attire and with rifles and helmets that are consistent with the uniforms of the Mexican Military. The nine were at a high point on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande River, directly across from Abrams, Texas. This location was directly across from the area where McAllen Station Agents had seized narcotics just hours before. The subjects turned on what appeared to be a handheld flashlight and flashed it in the direction of the Agents' service vessel in an attempt to get their attention. The Agents looked at the subjects and they waved, whereas, the Agents waved back. No further action was taken, and the sighting was promptly reported to the Operations Supervisor on duty.
4. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR, MCS STATION** - On March 8, 2007, at approximately 1015 hours, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Boat Patrol Unit observed possible Mexican Military personnel near Anzalduas Park (Southside). There were five individuals dressed in military fatigues and carrying long arms. They were traveling in a black Hum-V with a weapon mounted on top. The individuals did not

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appear to be doing anything suspicious. There was no communication between the possible Mexican Military personnel and the Border Patrol Agents.

5. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR, MCS STATION** - On March 12, 2007 at approximately 1215 hrs, while conducting riverine operations in zone 14 (Bentsen State Park), Agents observed at least four suspected Mexican military personnel on the river bank. The suspected Mexican military individuals were armed with long arms and two military vehicles equipped with automatic weapons.
6. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR, MCS STATION** - On March 19, 2007, at approximately 1513 hrs, while conducting boat patrol duties in the Anzalduas Park area, McAllen Station Border Patrol Agents observed possible Mexican Military vehicles and personnel enter the park on the south side known as "La Playita." The possible Mexican Military convoy that entered the park consisted of four vehicles carrying what appeared to be Mexican soldiers. The first was a Hum-vee with a gun mounted on top. There were four soldiers inside the vehicle and a fifth on top of vehicle manning the gun. The second vehicle was a transport truck containing a total of six soldiers, two riding inside the vehicle and four riding in the bed of the truck. The third vehicle was also a transport truck containing six soldiers. The fourth vehicle was a Hum-vee also with a gun mounted on top. Just like the other Hum-vee it also occupied by five soldiers. The gunner on top was facing to the rear of the convoy.

The convoy traveled through the park but at no time did they stop and talk with anyone. Seven minutes later the convoy departed "La Playita" area.

7. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING- RGV SECTOR, RGC STATION** - On March 19, 2007, at approximately 1700 hours, Agents were patrolling near the Salineno, Texas area, when they noticed a dark colored Pontiac Grand Prix sedan parked on the side of U.S. Highway 83. The Agents noticed two male subjects inside the vehicle. The subjects appeared to be scouting the area.

The Agents decided to drive down to the Salineno main river landing to inspect for any illegal activity. When the Agents arrived, they observed a male subject in an aluminum boat. The subject was heading south to Mexico where eight male subjects, possibly Mexican military, dressed in military fatigues and carrying assault rifles appeared to be waiting for him. While the armed men and the subject in the aluminum boat engaged in a conversation, two other armed men came out of the thick brush (carrizo) and approached the man in the boat. The armed men and the man in the aluminum boat had a clear view of the Agents. All subject moved behind the cover of the carrizo in an apparent effort to conceal themselves.

8. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR, MCS STATION**- On April 16, 2007 at 19:45 hours, Agents conducting boat patrol operations

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observed a possible Mexican Military Humvee and a total of six soldiers. Two of the suspected soldiers were dressed in woodland camouflage and the other four were dressed in solid green fatigues. One of the soldiers was manning a high caliber, turret-mounted machine gun that was on the vehicle and the rest of the soldiers were carrying assault rifles. The group of soldiers appeared to have apprehended a male and a female that had attempted to cross the Rio Grande River towards the United States. After a brief moment, the suspected soldiers took the couple into custody and left the area. No further action was observed. This activity took place at a location known as "La Guera," which is at the boat ramp across the river from Magic Valley on the United States side. The group of suspected soldiers did not appear to be concerned about the Border Patrol presence.

9. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR, MCS STATION** - On April 17, 2007, at about 1645 hrs, McAllen Border Patrol Agents observed what appeared to be a military vehicle at the landing on the Mexican side under the Pharr, Texas Port of Entry. The vehicle, a green jeep had one occupant dressed in dark, almost black, fatigues. The occupant of the vehicle noticed the Border Patrol unit on the United States; but, he did not seem concerned. As the Agents kept driving down river from the port of entry, they noticed about six more subjects walking in pairs dressed similarly and carrying what appeared to be M-16s. The six subjects were walking down river with a small distance in between them followed by the jeep. At about 1800 hrs, the area was checked again for the subjects and vehicle; but the results were negative.
10. **MEXICAN POLICE SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR, MCS STATION** - On April 12, 2007, at approximately 1030 hrs Agents assigned to the west side of the McAllen Station area of responsibility reported that two helicopters were seen flying around the Hidalgo, Texas Port of Entry and the Havana, Texas area. The Agents reported that the helicopters were flying near the Rio Grande River. One of the helicopters was white with the letters PGR marked on the aircraft's tail. (The letters PGR probably indicate Procuraduria General de la Republica). The second aircraft was a gray and light-blue Black Hawk-style helicopter. The Agents did not report any suspicious activity occurring in the areas during the time when they saw the two helicopters. The Border Intelligence Center was contacted along with personnel from the Mexican Liaison Unit. Mexican Liaison personnel contacted law enforcement officials in Mexico, and they reported the helicopters were being utilized to observe any suspicious activity on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande River. (NFI) Agents will continue to monitor these areas and report any additional sightings of any air patrol units, which may be conducting operations on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande River.
11. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – LRT SECTOR, LZT STATION** – On April 22, 2007, at approximately 1730 hours, SPAs were patrolling the river banks in San Ygnacio, Texas. As they were patrolling, they saw

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several groups of people in several different spots along the river on the Mexican side. They all seemed to be doing nothing more than picnicking and fishing. The largest group of people was at the fishing camp directly across from the Agua Street landing. This camp is the crossing point for the majority of the contraband and people that are smuggled in the San Ygnacio area.

After a while they heard some other sounds deeper in the brush in the area just north of the fishing camp. Moments later they heard a couple of diesel engines start up. One Agent told the other Agent that they sounded like military Hummvees. As they drove south paralleling the river, they drove through the open area at the fish camp. They could then see that they were indeed Mexican Military vehicles. Both were troop carrying Hummers with anywhere from 10 to 12 troops each. Moments later, a third Hummer moved out of the area. This Hummer was an armored Hummer with a turret-mounted machine gun.

12. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR, BRP STATION – On May 1, 2007 at approximately 05:30 a.m., a Texas National Guardsman operating the Brownsville Border Patrol Station remote video surveillance system (RVS), observed Mexican Military personnel patrolling the south side of the Rio Grande River [REDACTED] b2 b7c

The Texas National Guardsman observed two Mexican Military HMMWV vehicles patrolling the south side of the Rio Grande River approximately 200 yards upriver of the boat ramp located at the River Bend Golf Course in Brownsville, Texas.

The HMMWVS were traveling in tandem and there appeared to be six Mexican Military personnel in the trailing HMMWV. Texas National Guardsman was unable to determine if additional personnel accompanied the driver of the lead vehicle. No weapons were observed. All six Mexican Military personnel were wearing green-colored uniforms. No distinct markings or insignia could be observed through the remote video surveillance camera.

No additional equipment was reported.

Texas National Guardsman operating RVS lost sight of Mexican Military HMMWVS and personnel after vehicles traveled behind a dense brush line. No further information was reported.

The Rio Grande Valley Sector Mexican Liaison Unit (MLU) contacted officials from the Mexican Centro de Investigacion y Seguridad Nacional (CISEN), who confirmed the Mexican Military presence. CISEN informed the MLU that the Mexican Military personnel were conducting routine patrols of the river area.

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13. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – EPT SECTOR, FABENS STATION -

On 05/08/2007, at approximately 0745 hrs, National Guard personnel station at CC Bills called out approximately seven individuals standing on the Mexican levee carrying long arms. Agents responded to the area located south of JRACS Compound in Zone 32. Upon arriving, the Agents observed four individuals standing on the Mexican levee looking towards their location. The Agents noticed that the individuals were wearing military style cargo pants, tan in color, but a different style of shirt. They immediately noticed that one of the subjects was carrying a handgun in what appeared to be a tactical holster, strapped to his thigh area. This subject appeared to be wearing a white t-shirt with a baseball cap. One Agent was only able to observe two of the other subjects carrying long arms. One of the subjects carrying a long arm was wearing a black shirt with a baseball cap and military style cargo pants, tan in color also. The third subject that was wearing a brown shirt and it did not look as if he was carrying any kind of weapon. This subject was later seen walking alone on the Mexican levee by a Supervisory Border Patrol Agent. The fourth subject was carrying what appeared to be long arm, but the Agent was unable to get a clothing description for this subject. Subjects started walking west on the Mexican levee towards El Million and the Agents lost visual of the subjects behind the high brush on the Mexican riverbank. A short while later one of the subjects reappeared on the Mexican levee but quickly went behind the high brush. National Guard personnel advised Agents that there were a total of seven individuals and that all had walked west, but then lost visual of them behind the high brush on the Mexican levee. One Agent reported that he was able to see two other subjects on a hill, on the Mexican side, looking towards the Agent's location.

14. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – EPT SECTOR, FABENS STATION -

On May 14, 2007 at approximately 1100 hours, Fabens Border Patrol Agents were advised by the National Guard unit positioned at the C.C. Bills Gate that Mexican military was directly south of them on the Mexican Levy and appeared to be looking for something. The Agents confirmed to seeing what appeared to be a Mexican Military Hummer. Ten subjects dressed in full Mexican military dress, were observed searching for something in the area by the Rio Grande River. Approximately 5 minutes later the agents observed the Mexican military subjects pull out what appeared to be five burlap wrapped bundles from behind the Mexican Levy. This is a well known area used by smugglers to transport narcotics by backpacking it in burlap sacks across the river, and loading it into vehicles. One of the members of the Mexican military motioned to the Agents that there could be individuals hiding in the brush located on the north side of the Rio Grande River, and stated to the Agents that these were probably the subjects that had brought the contraband to the area to be smuggled into the United States. Other subjects ran in a south east direction away from the military to avoid apprehension.

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15. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR, MCALLEN STATION

- On June 1, 2007, at 14:24 hours, while performing marine operations in the McAllen Station AOR, Border Patrol Agents observed ten individuals on the Mexican bank near the Rio Grande River. This location in Mexico is referred to as "La Guerra's" and is south of Mission, Texas, near "La Lomita" Mission. These ten males were wearing camouflaged BDU type pants and tan tee shirts. There were also two military Humvees with guns mounted on the turrets. Agents believe these individuals were members of the Mexican Military. They did not have any markings on their tan shirts and the subjects were washing clothing in the river. The Agents did not observe any long arms near the personnel. The Agents gave a friendly wave to the subjects, which was acknowledged positively by the subjects. The Agents then notified a supervisor, who instructed them to notify the Border Intelligence Center. The Agents subsequently notified the BIC and informed them of the events outlined above. Border Patrol Agents have observed the Mexican Military in this location in past years during the summer months. This location is used by the Mexican Military as a staging area for the military patrol of the Mexican Park "La Boca Toma." McAllen Station Marine Operations will continue to monitor the area in question and will report any activity accordingly.

16. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR / BRP STATION-

On July 09, 2007, at approximately 1200 hours, Remote Video Surveillance operators sighted five HMMWVs carrying approximately 50 soldiers. The Mexican Military were first observed on the Mexican levee road just south of the Galaxia Subdivision in Brownsville, Texas. The HMMWVs were traveling at a slow rate of speed down river towards the Brownsville & Matamoros Port of Entry. All HMMWVs were green in color. The lead vehicle and the last vehicle had what appeared to be crew served weapons mounted on top of the HMMWVs. All 50 (approximate) soldiers were wearing regular battle dress uniforms and were carrying M-16 type rifles. The convoy continued moving down river at a slow pace. Before the convoy reached the "two story house" (a known drug and alien staging house just south of the Rio Grande close to the Joann Subdivision) a spotter was observed climbing on the roof to better observe the Mexican Military. The subject climbed off the roof as soon as the Mexican Military rolled past the house. The convoy continued driving east (down river) until the cameras lost sight of the HMMWVs.

[REDACTED] No further information is available at this time regarding the Militaries purpose or mission for being close to the Rio Grande River on today's date.

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17. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING - RGV SECTOR / BRP STATION-

On July 15, 2007, at approximately 1120 hours, the Remote Video Surveillance operator notified Agents in the area east of the Gateway Port of Entry in Brownsville, Texas. The RVVS operator reported the observation of three Hummers and one six by troop carrier with six

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soldiers riding in the back. The RVSS operator reported that the military vehicles were heading east-bound towards the Veterans Port of Entry. Agents at BIC were notified at approximately hours and as per her supervisor, no SIR was required.

18. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR / McALLEN

STATION- While performing marine operations in the McAllen Station AOR on July 22, 2007, at 15:30 hours, Agents witnessed three individuals on the Mexican bank near the Rio Grande River, south of Penitas, Texas. These three males were wearing camouflaged BDU type pants and shirts. There were also three military Hummvees. Agents believed these individuals to be Mexican Military personnel. Agents did not see any long arms near the personnel and they gave a friendly wave, which was then reciprocated back to them. The Agents then called another Agent who instructed them to notify the Border Intelligence Center. The Agents called the BIC and informed them of the events outlined above. McAllen Station Marine Operations will continue to monitor the area in question and will file further reports if warranted.

19. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR / MERCEDES

STATION - On August 17, 2007 Weslaco Station Border Patrol Agents were performing line-watch operations in the Weslaco Station's area of responsibility (AOR) west of the port of entry in Progreso, Texas. At approximately 1830 hours, two HWMMVs (Hummers) approached the Mexico shore river road at a low rate of speed and progressed east beneath the Nuevo Progreso Port of Entry. The Hummers appeared to be of command body style, and of a solid olive drab shade. No unit insignia or vehicle identification markings were visible. The trailing Hummer was equipped with what appeared to be a turret mounted M2 Browning Machine Gun Heavy Barrel (M2HB). This weapon is reported to fire a .50 BMG caliber at a maximum cyclic rate of 450-550 rounds per minute.

20. MEXICAN POLICE SIGHTING – LAREDO SECTOR / LAREDO SOUTH

STATION - On August 24, 2007, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Laredo, Texas South Station observed two helicopters flying over the Rio Grande River near El Cenizo, TX. One of the helicopters was white in color and striped with the AFI Mexican Federal Law Enforcement Agency logo. The second helicopter, red, bearing tail [REDACTED], traveled along the US side of the border. CBP A&M in Laredo determined that the red helicopter was an authorized crop duster working for the Zachary Ranch in south Laredo, TX. The Mexican AFI Helicopter was conducting regular law enforcement patrol flight operations over Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico. b6
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21. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR / McALLEN

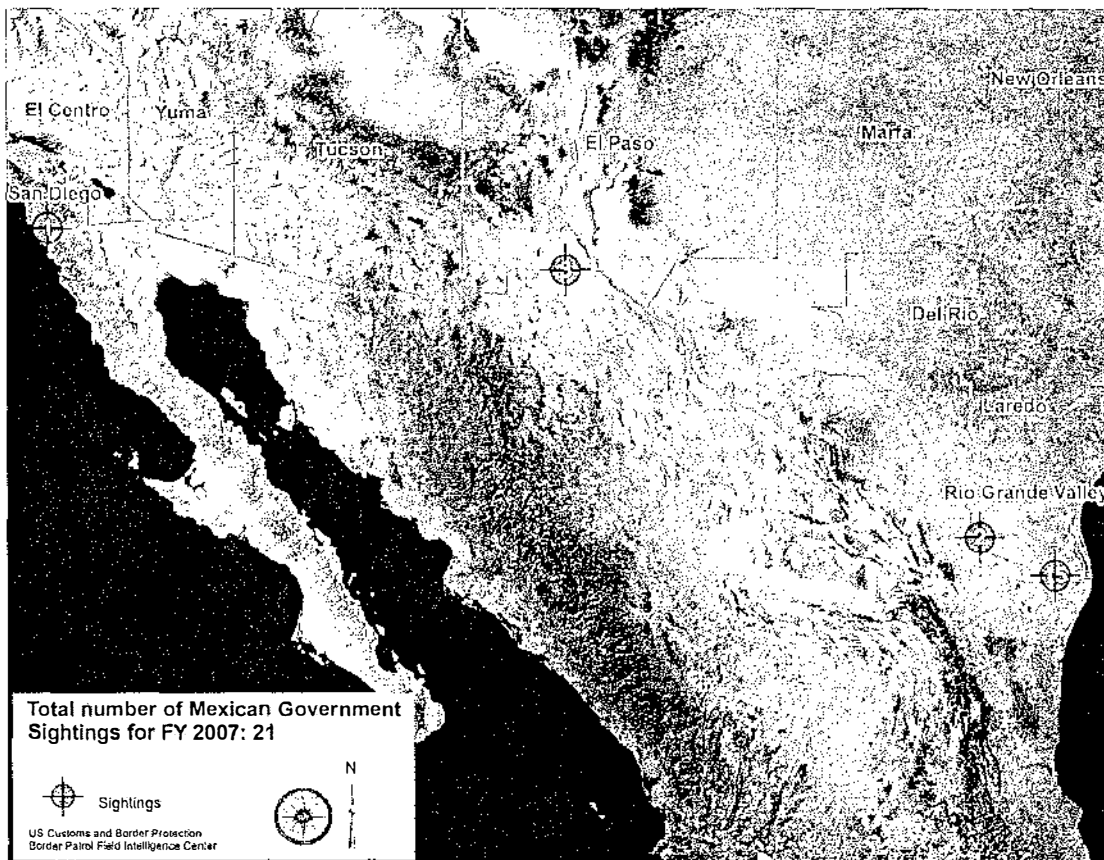
STATION- On September 13, 2007, McAllen Boat Patrol personnel observed Mexican Military personnel at an area known as "El Viente Uno de Enero", which is in Mexico south of Mission, Texas. There were at least three soldiers in the group and they had three Humvee type vehicles with

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them. No weapons were observed and no communication occurred between them and Border Patrol personnel.

Chronological Listing and Map of Sightings for FY 2007



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	DATE	DAY	TYPE OF INCIDENT	SECTOR	POE
1	1/13/07	SAT	SIGHTING	EPT	
2	2/10/07	SAT	SIGHTING	SDC	
3	3/05/07	MON	SIGHTING	RGV	
4	3/08/07	THUR	SIGHTING	RGV	
5	3/12/07	MON	SIGHTING	RGV	
6	3/19/07	MON	SIGHTING	RGV	
7	3/19/07	MON	SIGHTING	RGV	
8	4/12/07	THUR	SIGHTING	RGV	
9	4/16/07	MON	SIGHTING	RGV	
10	4/17/07	TUES	SIGHTING	RGV	
11	4/22/07	SUN	SIGHTING	LRT	
12	5/01/07	TUES	SIGHTING	RGV	
13	5/08/07	TUES	SIGHTING	EPT	
14	5/14/07	MON	SIGHTING	EPT	
15	6/01/07	FRI	SIGHTING	RGV	
16	7/9/07	MON	SIGHTING	RGV	
17	7/15/07	SUN	SIGHTING	RGV	
18	7/22/07	SUN	SIGHTING	RGV	
19	8/17/07	FRI	SIGHTING	RGV	
20	8/24/07	FRI	SIGHTING	LRT	
21	9/13/07	THUR	SIGHTING	RGV	

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Incursions per sector since FY96

Note: "M" signifies Mexican Military / "P" signifies Mexican Police

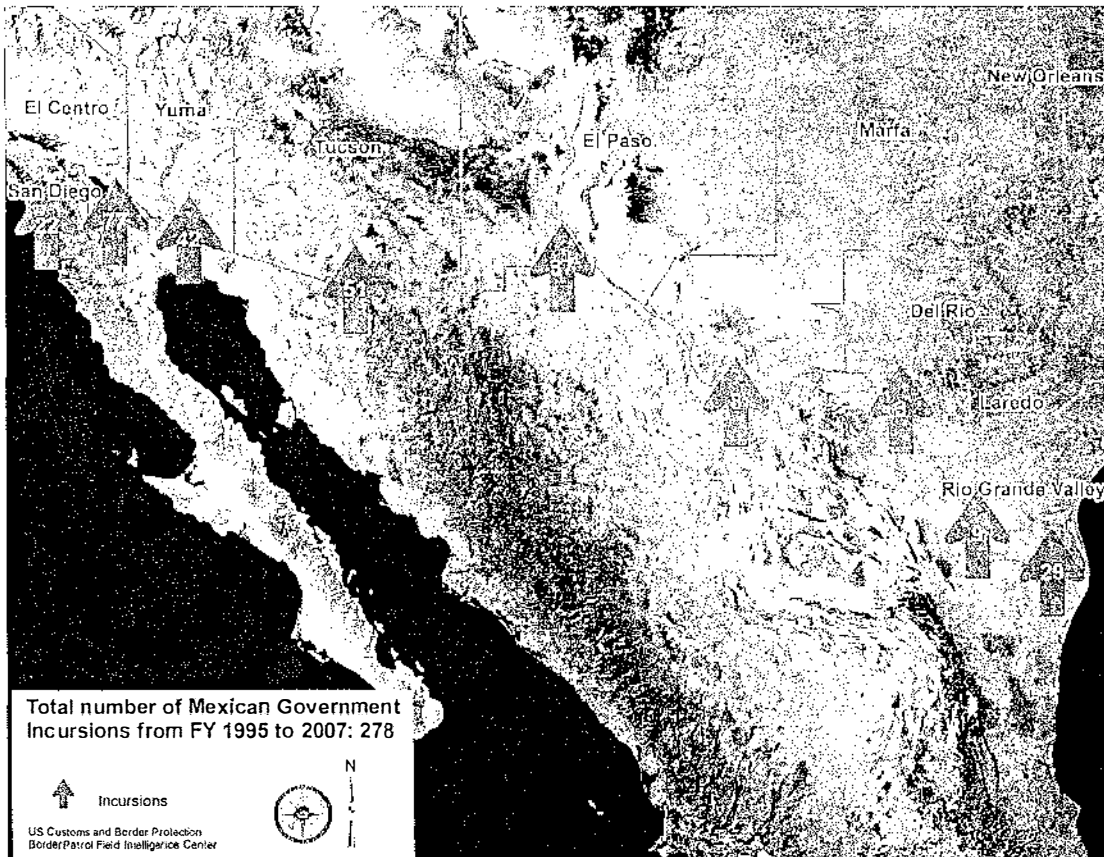
	SDC	ELC	YUM	TCA	EPT	MAR	DRT	LRT	RGV	TOTAL	M	P
FY 96	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	1
FY 97	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	10	7	3
FY 98	1	4	3	4	4	7	1	1	0	25	12	13
FY 99	0	7	1	8	7	0	0	0	1	24	7	17
FY 00	0	3	3	5	2	0	1	1	5	20	9	11
FY 01	2	10	6	10	5	0	1	0	9	43	19	24
FY 02	2	22	2	6	0	0	0	0	7	39	18	21
FY 03	3	4	6	3	4	0	0	2	1	23	12	11
FY 04	3	6	1	2	5	1	0	2	3	23	7	16
FY 05	3	3	3	4	4	0	0	1	1	19	5	14
FY 06	3	5	9	1	2	0	0	0	0	20	3	17
FY07	3	8	7	4	2	0	0	1	0	25	4	21
TOTAL	22	77	42	51	37	8	3	9	29	278	109	169

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As of September 30, 2007

SDC	ELC	YUM	TCA	EPT	MAR	DRT	LRT	RGV
22	77	42	51	37	8	3	9	29



Sector Incursions by FY as of September 30, 2007

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