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**To:** H; Lew, Jacob J; Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** Re: Guatemala mudslides

I spoke w President Colom today. He said they had lost 44 people and have considerable damage including bridges that have washed away. Fortunately the rains stopped today-- although he is very concerned about the upcoming rainy season.

[REDACTED] -- the Embassy provided 3 NAS helos (with a team of 19 emergency workers) for emergency response to the flooding and landslides .

President Colom expressed his gratitude for Embassy support. I took advantage of the call to also tell him that we have reprogrammed \$4.38m to Guatemala for reconstruction for which he was also very grateful.

As you may know President Colom has repeatedly asked whether he might be able to get a meeting w the President--

We think that a meeting is impt not only because of Guatemala's key role in the Merida plus initiative and the fragility of Guatemalan institutions-- but also because of the up-coming revelations of the Cutler study-- (the Tuskegee like experiments in Guatemala). It strikes us that we will be in a better position to react to that damaging news (with its negative connotations beyond the bilateral relationship) within the context of a clear and positive engagement w Guatemala.

President Colom said that he will be at UNGA on the 19 or 20th and I intend to see him then-- perhaps if a POTUS meeting does not materialize you might consider whether such a meeting could fit into your schedule.

Best Regards,

Arturo

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Have we offered aid?