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As I mentioned last week, the open engagement with the Mexican cabinet in support of using U.S. military helicopters as part of a humanitarian relief efforts was unprecedented. This week we received gracious thank you notes from both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE) and Nuevo Laredo Governor Medina for the U.S. government's efforts in preparing to assist the citizens of Mexico in the aftermath of Hurricane Alex.

In its diplomatic note, SRE asked that the Embassy "transmit its grateful words to the Government for the gesture of friendship and solidarity in this natural emergency, particularly for the aircraft support offered to provide food to isolated communities." Governor Medina expressed his personal thanks for Embassy personnel who worked on the ground in his devastated state in collaborative meetings with numerous Mexican officials. As he stated, "we worked closely to determine the serious need of the moment, especially the urgency to speed up the rescue and humanitarian support for 100 communities which were isolated by the severe flood and collapse of bridges and roads." He closed his letter by saying, "I express my gratitude to the Government of the United States of America, its people, and its Honorable Ambassador to Mexico for their constant willingness to support us in a time of need."

I believe that the efforts of all involved over the past two weeks have opened the door to future collaboration should the need arise.

Carlos

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