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PLEASE PASS TO THE SECRETARY

Two ICE agents were shot today while in the line of duty. One was assigned to Mexico City, the second was on TDY. The TDY agent subsequently died from his wounds. The other agent is in stable condition.

The Mexican Federal Police are transporting the Embassy doctor and law enforcement personnel to San Luis Potosi, where the surviving agent is in the hospital. Based on his condition, he will either be medevaced directly to the US, or be treated in place until he is sufficiently stable to travel. Embassy personnel are with the family, and we will fly them to wherever the surviving ICE agent is taken.

The two ICE agents had driven north from Mexico City and met ICE personnel traveling south from Monterrey at a halfway point – in San Luis Potosi – to pick up equipment ICE planned to use with the Mexican Federal police to support a law enforcement operation. The agents were ambushed on the way back to Mexico City, with one SUV cutting them off and a second blocking them from behind. One of the windows from the ICE vehicle was opened somehow in the proceedings; we are not sure how. The ICE agent shouted out that they were diplomats. The ambushers said they did not care and fired into the vehicle. The surviving ICE agent managed to get the window closed and call the RSO and the Mexican Federal Police for help.

Following a call from our RSO, who was speaking with the wounded agent during the attack, the Mexican Federal Police immediately flew in a helicopter to rescue the ICE agents and take them to the closest hospital, in San Luis Potosi. Subsequently, the Mexican Federal Police provided a helicopter to fly U.S. law enforcement personnel and the Embassy doctor to San Luis Potosi. The Federal Police are also providing security for the US law enforcement personnel who are working with Mexican authorities to support the investigation. The Mexican Attorney General called to affirm their full cooperation.

US law enforcement agencies will likely send personnel from the US to support the investigation. We are working out with the GOM force protection issues, including permits for carrying arms.

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