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



Mexican Government Incidents

**2006
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, 4th QUARTER, FY 2006:
Mexican Government Incursions, Encounters and Sightings on the
Southwestern Border.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AS OF: **September 30, 2006**

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

INCURSIONS

- As of September 30, 2006, the Office of Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center (BORFIC) has confirmed **twenty** incursions, with **one** that is unconfirmed, during FY 2006.
 - Three by Mexican Military personnel.
 - Seventeen by Mexican law enforcement personnel.

Locations:

San Diego Sector: **three**
El Centro Sector: **five**
Yuma Sector: **nine**
Tucson Sector: **one**
El Paso Sector: **two**
Marfa Sector: **none**
Laredo Sector: **none**
Rio Grande Valley Sector: **none**

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ENCOUNTERS

- As of September 30, 2006 the Office of Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center (BORFIC) has confirmed **two encounter(s)** for FY 2006.

Location:

Tucson Sector: **one**

El Paso Sector: **one**

SIGHTINGS

- As of September 30, 2006, the Office of Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center (BORFIC) has confirmed **seven sightings** for FY 2006.

Locations:

McAllen Sector: **four**

Marfa Sector: **two**

El Paso Sector: **one**

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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 the 4th Quarter of FY2006:

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 MILITARY INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) SAN DIEGO – EL CAJON STATION** – On October 7, 2005, at approximately 9:50 A.M., agents assigned to the El Cajon California Station observed two Mexican military Humvees traveling eastbound along the south side of the border fence. Approximately two minutes later, agents observed two male subjects in the Bell Valley creek bed twenty yards north of the border. Both subjects were dressed in green Mexican military uniforms and were bearing long arms. When they saw the agent approaching, the two ran southbound into Mexico, where they boarded one of two additional Humvees that had been parked in the creek bed on the south side of the border. Both vehicles left the scene traveling eastbound then turned southbound and drove out of view. Agents found foot sign for three to four individuals that had come no further than twenty yards north of the border. At no time did agents have contact or communications with the subjects.

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- 2. MEXICAN MILITARY INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) YUMA – YUMA STATION** – On October 18, 2005, Law Enforcement Communications Assistants assigned to the Yuma Sector Border Patrol Headquarters in Yuma, Arizona, observed a Mexican military Humvee

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parked on the south side of the International Border, just west of the Colorado River. The first Humvee was joined by two more Humvees with as many as eight soldiers riding in the back. The soldiers entered the reeds along the river and brought out civilians whom they interviewed and released. Two of the Humvees then left the area. Approximately 10 minutes later, Sector Law Enforcement Communications Assistants (LECAs) observed two uniformed Mexican soldiers standing just inside of the US border. They appeared to be scanning the area. They crossed back into Mexico, met two other soldiers, returned to their vehicle and left the area.

BORFIC Note. The LECAs were monitoring the Remote Video Surveillance cameras when they observed the intrusion.

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- 3. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) EL PASO – SANTA TERESA STATION** – On October 24, 2005, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Santa Teresa, New Mexico Station encountered two Mexican State Police Officers near Monument 3, north of the US/Mexico International Boundary. The two officers were identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] claimed that [REDACTED] got lost and accidentally drove [REDACTED] marked patrol vehicle into the US and then got stuck in the sand. [REDACTED] then called another officer for assistance and [REDACTED] responded to the location, but also got [REDACTED] marked patrol vehicle stuck in the sand. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] surrendered their weapons to the agents and were transported to the station. All official notifications were made. Both officers were granted a voluntary return to Mexico per El Paso Sector Staff with all their equipment and vehicles after all record checks were conducted. The Mexican Consulate witnessed the departure of the officers back into Mexico.

- 4. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) YUMA – YUMA STATION** – On October 24, 2005, at 11:50 A. M., a camera operator in the Yuma Border Patrol Communications Center observed via a remote video surveillance site an incursion by two uniformed Mexican Police Officers near Andrade, California. The Mexican Police Officers appeared to enter between thirty and forty feet into the US and spent approximately three to five minutes there before walking back south into Mexico. There were no Border Patrol agents near the immediate area when the incident occurred. The Mexican Liaison Unit was contacted.

- 5. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) YUMA – YUMA STATION** – On December 21, 2005, Agents encountered a smuggling operation near Andrade, California. While Agents seized most of the smuggled marijuana, the smugglers were able to move the rest of the contraband back to the Mexican side of the river. Subsequently, the Sector Mexican Liaison Unit (MLU) was notified, who contacted the Los Algodones, Mexico, Police Department for assistance. Shortly afterwards,

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two uniformed Mexican Police Officers were observed north of the International Boundary via Remote Video Surveillance. The two Mexican officers, who were visibly carrying weapons, appeared to be searching for people along the edge of the river before returning back to Mexico. No subjects were taken into custody during the incident. The marijuana was turned over to DEA.

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6. **MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (UNARMED / UNINTENTIONAL, EL CENTRO, EL CENTRO STATION)** – At 5:45 P.M. on January 26, 2006, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the El Centro, California Station observed a Dodge pick-up truck traveling south on a dirt road towards the US/Mexico border. The truck was traveling in an area known for the smuggling of contraband into the United States. The vehicle crossed the border into Mexico and the agents were able to see markings on the truck identifying it as Grupo Beta property. Contact was made with the driver, only identified as [REDACTED] and the passenger [REDACTED] told agents that they were in the area for orientation and did not realize that they had crossed into the United States, but returned to Mexico as soon as they became aware of their location. It was later determined that the vehicle had traveled approximately 200 yards into the United States before returning to Mexico. The El Centro Sector Mexican Liaison Unit was notified of the incident.

7. **MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL, EL PASO, EL PASO STATION)** – At 1400 hours on February 2, 2006, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the El Paso, Texas Station observed Juarez, Mexico Police units using their emergency lights across the Rio Grande River in Mexico. The agent went to their location on the U.S. side and observed a Juarez Police Officer on the U.S. side of the Rio Grande River, under the Paso Del Norte Bridge. When the Police officer saw the agent, [REDACTED] immediately returned to Mexico and got into [REDACTED] marked unit and left the area. Agents found a subject on the north side, identified as [REDACTED] reported to agents that the Mexican Police chased [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] was begging under the bridge. [REDACTED] was processed for Re-Entry after deportation (8USC 1326) and placed at the El Paso County Detention Facility for felony prosecution. The Mexican Liaison Unit was contacted and they notified the Mexican Consulate.

8. **MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / UNINTENTIONAL) YUMA, YUMA STATION** – On February 21, 2006, at 2030 hours, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Yuma, Arizona Station reported an unmarked helicopter (described as a black UH-1 "Huey") flying northbound along the Colorado River, west of San Luis, Arizona. The Yuma Sector Communications Center received confirmation from Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC) that the flight pattern was northbound and it was in the United States. The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City subsequently confirmed that the helicopter is a military UH1 helicopter that was given to

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Mexico by the U.S. government, but it is operated by the Mexican Federal Investigation Agency (Agencia Federal de investigation – AFI) of the Attorney General's Office (Procuraduria General de la Republica – PGR). The helicopter flew north for one-half mile and veered westbound into Mexico. No other activity was reported.

BORFIC NOTE: Since the helicopter was a military model, the incursion was originally reported to be a Mexican military incursion. Based on the additional information provided with the assistance of the CBP Attaché Office in Mexico City, the category has been changed from a "Military Incursion" to a "Police Incursion".

9. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / UNINTENTIONAL) SAN DIEGO – EL CAJON STATION – On March 16, 2006, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the El Cajon, California Station observed a Mi-8 helicopter enter US airspace from Mexico. The helicopter entered west of the Tecate, California POE and flew northwest toward Barrett Junction. The aircraft returned to Mexico seven to ten minutes later. The aircraft entered the US a short time later and flew north of the international boundary and then flew toward Tecate Peak. The aircraft was painted in a camouflage pattern with shades of gray. Air & Marine launched an aircraft to search for the helicopter but was unable to locate it.

BORFIC UPDATE: When BORFIC first inquired about the helicopter incursion to AMOC, we were told that the tail number was [REDACTED] which indicates private ownership. BORFIC did not learn of the fixed wing incursion of March 17 until today, 3/21/06. [REDACTED] is the fixed wing tail number, registered to a Cessna 150. The registered owner is [REDACTED] of Mexicali. [REDACTED] is not connected with any flight school. The tail number on the MI-8 helicopter is [REDACTED] belonging to the Mexican Federal Police

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10. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / UNINTENTIONAL) SAN DIEGO, BROWN FIELD STATION – On April 7, 2006, AT 2030 hours, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Brown Field, California Station reported an incursion by Grupo Beta near the area of Well Draw, three miles east of the Otay Mesa, California Port of Entry. Grupo Beta officers were chasing a group of three suspected armed bandits and nine illegal aliens at the time of the incursion. The officers followed the group approximately ¼ mile into the United States. Agents responded to the scene and arrested the suspected bandits and illegal aliens. Grupo Beta officers returned to Mexico without incident. Agents did not make physical contact with Grupo Beta, as they were approximately 300 yards away when agents arrived in the area. Grupo Beta dispatch was in contact with Border Patrol Sector Communications.

UPDATE: On April 7, 2006, the three suspected bandits were identified as

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The bandits and the nine aliens were granted a Voluntary Return and turned over to the Mexican Authorities.

11. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) YUMA – YUMA STATION – At 14:55, on April 16, 2006, Video Surveillance Camera Operators assigned to the Yuma, Arizona Sector observed a uniformed Mexican Police officer pursue an unknown individual from Mexico into the United States. Once in the United States, the unknown subject hid from the Mexican Police officers and evaded arrest. The Mexican Police officers subsequently returned back to Mexico. Agents responded to the area and while attempting to arrest the subject, four Mexican Police Officers once again entered into the United States (approximately fifteen feet) and placed handcuffs on the subject and led the subject back into Mexico. The Tucson Sector Mexican Liaison Unit was notified of the incident.

BORFIC NOTE: This incident took place approximately five miles east of the San Luis POE. This area is the site of security fence construction that has been suspended because the military unit doing the work was deployed to Iraq. Because of this incomplete construction effort, the border is not clearly defined in this area, resulting in a degree of confusion. Because of this, some Mexican officers think that an all-weather road about 15 yards on the U.S. side is in fact the International Boundary. (The video surveillance camera shows the Mexican officers stopping just south of this road when they were pursuing the alien.) The Border Patrol Agents subsequently pursued the alien and tackled him on the south side of that road, where Mexican officers helped subdue him while they remained on the south side of the road they believed to be the International Boundary. Agents stated that there is a high level of cooperation with the San Luis Mexican PD. YUM Mexican Liaison Unit will clarify the actual location of the boundary in this area with Mexican officials.

12. UNCONFIRMED MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) YUMA, YUMA STATION – At 03:00 on May 7, 2006, Border Patrol agents assigned to the Yuma Arizona Station observed a group of 14 individuals with the "Skybox" surveillance camera.

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This area is also under observation by two Remote Video Surveillance (RVS) cameras. The group of 14 individuals were observed sitting at the end of the International Boundary fence with their backs against the fence. Two subjects were seen running to the fence from Mexico and approached the group of 14 subjects. Subsequently, all 16 subjects then began running westbound on the north side of the fence.

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The agents observed a sedan with a light bar on the roof back up along the south side of the International Boundary fence. Two occupants exited the vehicle and began running around the fence into the United States chasing the group of aliens. The agent in the "Skybox" saw that the two subjects appeared to be dressed the same and were wearing hats. At that time, the two subjects stopped and pointed their arms towards the group of 16. Two gunshots were heard. The two subjects next turned ran back to their vehicle and drove southbound from the area. Border Patrol agents apprehended eight of the group of 16 subjects. None of the apprehended subjects were injured. The other 8 subjects climbed over the fence and absconded into Mexico.

Agents located two spent 9mm shell casings approximately 20 feet north of the fence. The casings were not disturbed and were recovered by the San Luis Police Department. The aliens stated they did not know who had shot at them.

BORFIC NOTE: Yuma Sector Mexican Liaison Unit agents have reviewed the video, which they have determined to be inconclusive. They are unable to determine if it was police or military incursion. The quality of the video does not demonstrate the light bar on the vehicle and does not demonstrate if the subjects were wearing uniforms. San Luis Police Department will further investigate.

13. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) TUCSON

NOGALES STATION – On June 2, 2006, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Nogales, Arizona Station encountered two Mexican Police Officers that had illegally entered into the U.S. one mile west of the Mariposa port of Entry, while in pursuit of a Sexual Assault suspect. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had attempted to elude the Officers in Mexico and wrecked [REDACTED] vehicle near the border. [REDACTED] illegally entered the U.S. to escape. A Border Patrol Agent observed [REDACTED] and ordered [REDACTED] to the ground. The pursuing Mexican Police Officers had also illegally entered the U.S. and handcuffed [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] was ordered to the ground by the Border Patrol Agent. The Officers attempted to escort [REDACTED] back into Mexico but released [REDACTED] when they were ordered to do so by the Border Patrol Agent. The Mexican Police Officers ran back into Mexico when ordered to remain for questioning. [REDACTED] was transported to the Nogales Border Patrol Station and processed for removal. The US Consular Officer, ICE, Mexican Consulate, and Mexican authorities were notified.

UPDATE 06/05/06: Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Nogales, Arizona Station reported that [REDACTED] was processed for felony criminal charges of Reentry After Deportation of an Aggravated Felon, pursuant to title 18 USC 1326. [REDACTED] has a prior criminal conviction out of Tucson, AZ for sexual assault from 2000 and [REDACTED] was deported after the conviction in 2002. [REDACTED] is being held in Border Patrol Custody, pending an initial

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appearance before a US Magistrate at the US District Court in Tucson, AZ, tentatively scheduled for 06/05/06. A meeting between the Nogales International Liaison Unit and Mexican authorities is tentatively scheduled for 06/05/06 concerning the incursion of Mexican Police Officers.

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- 14. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) YUMA – YUMA STATION** – On June 22, 2006, a CBP Air Pilot attached to the Yuma, Arizona Border Patrol Sector reported an incursion into the United States by a Mexican Police vehicle. At approximately 11:05 AM, the pilot was on routine patrol near the A-7 Valley, located approximately five miles west of the Andrade, California Port of Entry, when he observed a white Ford F-150 with "POLICIA" written on the side, and the number [REDACTED] on the tailgate. The vehicle was observed approximately one mile north of the international boundary with Mexico, near the All-American Canal. Yuma Sector Mexican Liaison Unit was contacted immediately, and was able to verify that the vehicle was a police unit belonging to the Los Algodones, Baja California, Mexico Police Department.

At approximately 11:10 AM, the CBP Pilot reported that the vehicle turned around and returned to Mexico at a high rate of speed. Notification was immediately made to APAIC [REDACTED] ACPA [REDACTED] was subsequently notified and in turn notified Senior Associate Chief [REDACTED] at approximately 11:30 AM.

The Border Patrol observer from the CBP Air Unit was able to provide the GPS coordinates of where the police vehicle was first observed in the United States and the furthest point that it traveled into the U.S.^{1st} observation – N 32.42.870, W 114.47.610. The furthest incursion into U.S. was – N 32.43.049, W 114.48.147 The Yuma Sector Mexican Liaison Unit has contacted the Mexican Consulate and notified them of the incident.

- 15. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) EL CENTRO CALEXICO STATION** – On July 18, 2006, at 1837 hours, RVS camera operators witnessed a person in Mexico, wearing a police type uniform and driving a white pick up truck with emergency lights and "POLICIA" markings, escort five individuals from the border to a gate on the All American Canal. The five entered through a hole in the gate, and were arrested a short time later by Calexico Agents. The uniformed officer returned to Mexico. The canal is some 50 yards inside the U.S. Border.

The arrested aliens were Mexicans, who said they were transported in the police vehicle from Mexicali to the outskirts of town, where they illegally entered the United States.

UPDATE: On July 26, 2006, an El Centro Sector Mexican Liaison Officer met with Mexican officials regarding the incident. The Liaison Officer provided video of the incursion and statements given by the

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undocumented aliens involved in the incident to the Mexican Officials.* The Mexican officials recommended that the case be submitted through the Operation Against Smugglers Initiative on Safety and Security (OASISS) Program.

16. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) YUMA – YUMA STATION On Tuesday, August 01, 2006, a CBP-Air Blackhawk operating out of Yuma, AZ was conducting routine operations west of the Andrade Port of Entry. At approximately 1200 hours, the helicopter observed a white over tan pickup truck with just south of the Dillman's Gate area, near the All American Canal. The pickup truck had Mexican Police markings and clearly read "POLICIA" on the side. Three persons were visible outside of the vehicle, all wearing blue uniforms consistent with local Mexican municipal police. The pilot reported that the three subjects returned to the vehicle, and within a few minutes the vehicle returned to Mexico. During this incident, the pilot of the helicopter reported the incident to the Yuma Sector Communications Center.

The Mexican MLU spoke with Comandante [REDACTED] of the Los Algodones Municipal Police, and the Comandante [REDACTED] had been one of the three persons observed on the US side of the border. According to Comandante [REDACTED] had observed the helicopter flying in the area of the canal and believed that there was an active chase going on. [REDACTED] and the other two officers then entered the United States in an attempt to assist with what was going on. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] two companions then observed a subject in the All American Canal. Comandante [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] recognized the subject as a Mexican citizen, and also a known carrier of tuberculosis and of the AIDS virus. Comandante [REDACTED] stated that they escorted the subject to their vehicle and then returned to Mexico.

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17. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED/INTENTIONAL) EL CENTRO SECTOR-EL CENTRO STATION On Sunday, September 10, 2006, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the El Centro, California Station working in the vicinity of the All-American Canal reported that an officer of the Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico Police Department made an incursion into the United States. The incursion occurred when the officer assisted three individuals who claimed they witnessed a possible drowning in the All-American Canal while they attempted to cross illegally into the US. The officer and the three individuals returned to Mexico. The Imperial County, CA Sheriff's Office arrived on scene to look for the body. The San Diego Sector Public Information Office was contacted and advised of the situation. At the time of this report, no body has been recovered from the canal.

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UPDATE: Mexicali, Baja California, Fire Department personnel located the body in the All American Canal. The Fire Fighters secured the body with a rope to it keep from floating away. Imperial County, CA Sheriff's Deputies recovered the body.

18. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED/INTENTIONAL) YUMA SECTOR- YUMA STATION. On Tuesday, September 12, 2006, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Yuma, Arizona Station observed three Mexican police officers illegally enter the US in a pickup truck approximately three miles west of the Andrade, California POE, arrest three unknown individuals and then return to Mexico. The officers, wearing uniforms and duty belts, drove into the US, exited their vehicle and searched until they located three individuals along the edge of the All American Canal. The three individuals and a raft were secured in the pickup truck and the officers returned with them to Mexico. The Yuma, Arizona Sector Mexican Liaison Unit notified the commander of the Municipal Police Department in Algodones, Baja California, Mexico who admitted that three of [REDACTED] officers were involved in this incident. The officers claimed that they had seen a BP vehicle on the north side flashing its lights and thought the agent was requesting their assistance. They then drove into the US and arrested three subjects on the edge of the canal. At approximately 2300 Agents were advised by the Police Commander that three of [REDACTED] officers were involved in the incident. The Police Commander also stated that they have since released two of the subjects arrested, but the third subject is a known drug user who remains in their custody.

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19. MEXICAN MILITARY INCURSION (ARMED/INTENTIONAL) EL CENTRO SECTOR- CALEXICO STATION. On September 16, 2006, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Calexico, California Station observed an individual in an olive drab uniform with a possible Mexican flag on the shoulder approximately 100 yards north of the International Border near the Calexico POE. The individual appeared to be carrying a sidearm and was running southbound to Mexico through the vehicle lanes of the Calexico POE. The individual was never observed coming north and the Mexican Liaison Unit reported that Mexican Customs officials denied arresting or having contact with anyone with Mexican military clothing. Agents searched the area and found no sign of any military or combat style boots.

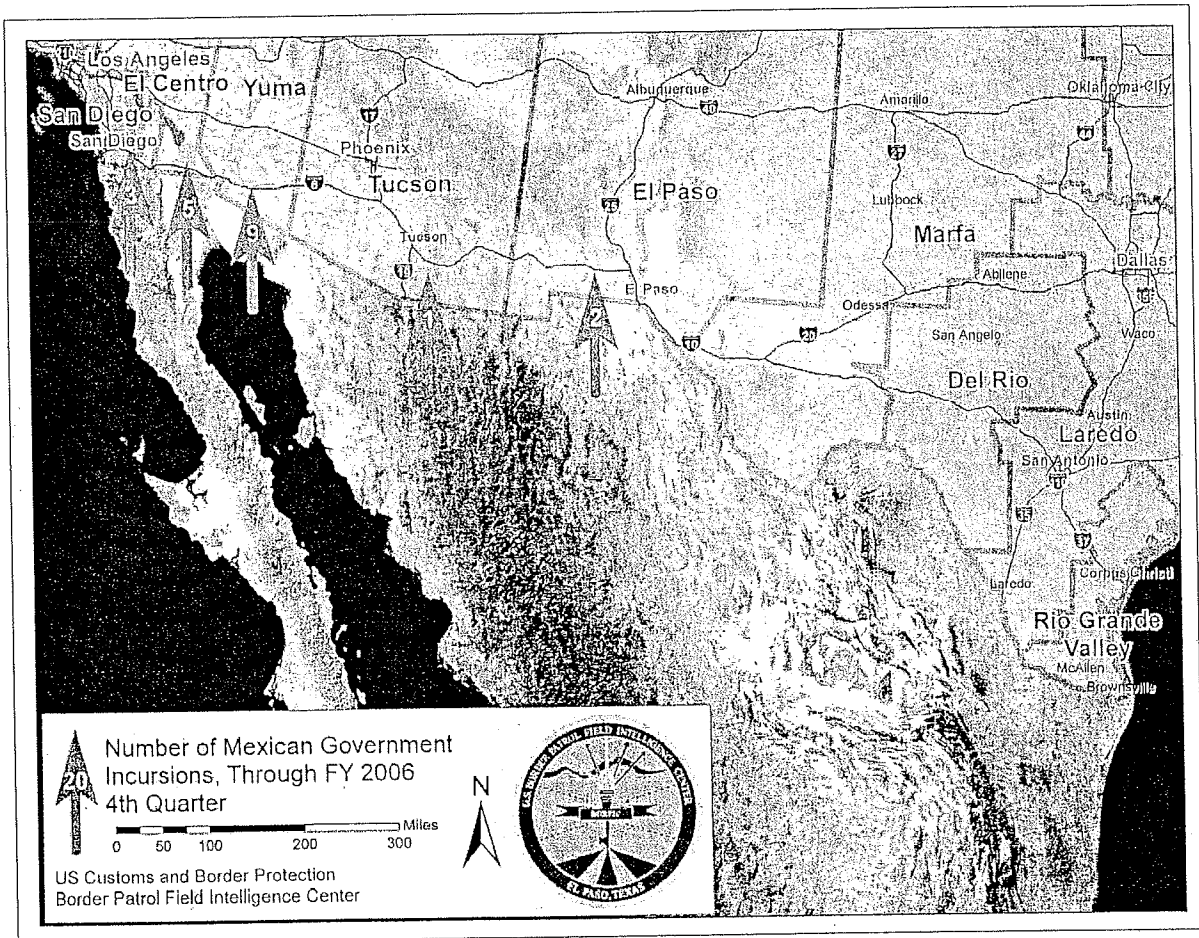
20. MEXICAN POLICE INCURSION (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) EL CENTRO, CALEXICO STATION- On September 18, 2006 Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Calexico, California Station were notified by a National Guardsman performing video surveillance duties of a Mexican police incursion. The National Guardsman reported having sighted two Mexican

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Police Officers operating motorcycles 9.6 miles east of the Calexico, CA Port Of Entry. The Mexican Police Officers crossed the international boundary line briefly into the U.S. The Mexican Police Officers were observed speaking with a group of four individuals who were fishing in the area. The Mexican Police Officers then returned to Mexico without incident, shortly thereafter the fishermen also returned to Mexico. Several minutes of video were recorded of the incursion. The El Centro Sector Mexican Liaison Unit was notified of the incident and will make all the necessary notifications and inquiries.

Chronological Listing and Map of Incursions for FY 2006



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	DATE	DAY	TYPE OF INCIDENT		INTENTIONAL	SECTOR	POE
1	10/7/05	FRI	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	SDC	
2	10/18/05	TUE	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	YUM	
3	10/24/05	MON	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	EPT	
4	10/24/05	MON	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	YUM	
5	12/21/05	WED	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	YUM	
6	01/26/06	THU	INCURSION	UNARMED	NO	ELC	
7	02/06/06	MON	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	EPT	
8	02/21/06	TUE	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	YUM	
9	03/16/05	THU	INCURSION	ARMED	NO	SDC	
10	04/07/06	FRI	INCURSION	ARMED	NO	SDC	
11	04/16/06	SUN	INCURSION	ARMED	NO	YUM	
12	05/07/06	SUN	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	YUM	
13	06/02/06	FRI	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	TCA	
14	06/22/06	THU	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	YUM	
15	07/18/06	TUES	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	ELC	
16	08/01/06	TUES	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	YUM	
17	09/10/06	SUN	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	ELC	
18	09/12/06	TUE	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	YUM	
19	09/16/06	SAT	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	ELC	
20	09/18/06	MON	INCURSION	ARMED	YES	ELC	

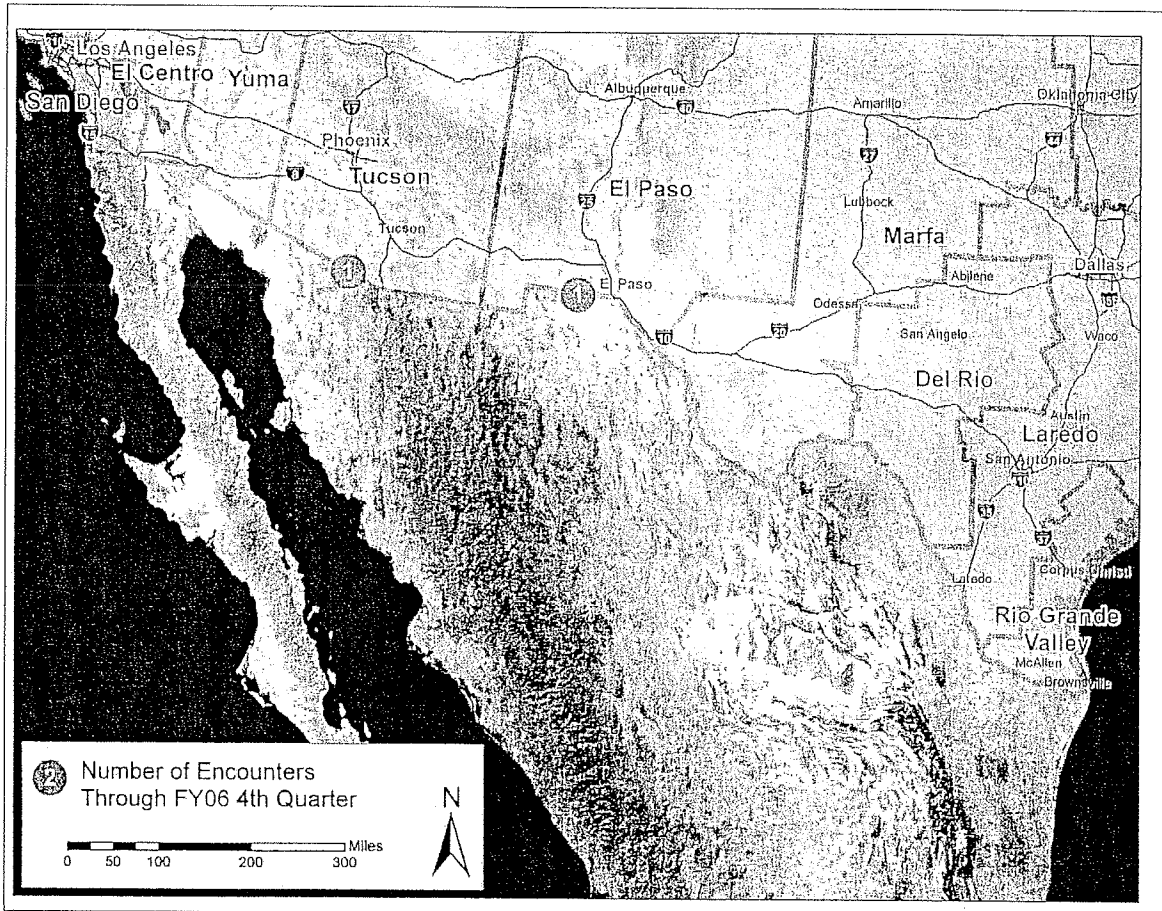
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SECTION TWO – ENCOUNTERS

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.

Chronological Listing and Map of Encounters for FY 2006



1. **MEXICAN MILITARY ENCOUNTER (ARMED / INTENTIONAL) EL PASO - FT. HANCOCK STATION** - At 2 P.M. on January 23, 2006, Hudspeth County Sheriff's Department (HCSD), and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Troopers attempted to apprehend three vehicles believed to be smuggling contraband on I-10. All three vehicles made a U-turn and attempted to return to Mexico. As the vehicles approached the border DPS stated that a Mexican Military Humvee armed with a .50 caliber weapon and several soldiers were observed assisting the smugglers return to Mexico. A black Cadillac Escalade stopped on the

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U.S. side of the Rio Grande River, and the driver absconded into Mexico. Several bundles of marijuana were located inside the vehicle. HCSD and DPS officers saw that the following two vehicles were allowed to pass the Humvee, which was on the U.S. side of the river, next to the water. One vehicle safely crossed into Mexico. The second vehicle high centered and stopped abruptly in the river. The Humvee attempted to push and pull it toward Mexico to no avail. Officers then noticed several armed subjects dressed in fatigue type clothing unload the contraband into the Humvee. These subjects set fire to the stalled vehicle before leaving the area. Deputies took custody of the Escalade and the 1,474 pounds of marijuana. Border Patrol Agents were not involved in the pursuit, nor did they witness any of the vehicles enter into Mexico. When the agents arrived at the scene, all vehicles had returned to the Mexican side of the river.

The Texas Department of Public Safety officials filmed the Mexican military vehicle on their dash mounted vehicle cameras. The sheriff's deputies also took still photos of the scene.

BORFIC NOTE: At the discretion of the CPA, this incident was removed from the incursion record, and ordered it be carried as an encounter.

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2. **MEXICAN MILITARY ENCOUNTER – (UNARMED, NON / THREATENING) TUCSON SECTOR / NOGALES** – At 1815 hours on April 8, 2006, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Nogales, Arizona Station met with three Mexican Law Enforcement Authorities at the Nogales Station. The Mexican Authorities were requesting assistance in locating two assault weapons used in a homicide that occurred in Mexico. Agents accompanied the Mexican Authorities to an area approximately seven miles west of Nogales near the International Border. Once there, Agents met with four other Mexican Officers and a suspect that was involved in the homicide. The subject was identified as [REDACTED]. The four Mexican Officers and [REDACTED] were on the Mexican side of the International Border. A Supervisory Border Patrol Agent allowed the four Mexican Officers and [REDACTED] to enter the U.S. Border Patrol Agents, the Mexican Authorities, and [REDACTED] proceeded north and searched an area on the [REDACTED] Ranch. The search resulted in the seizure of a MAC 90 assault rifle, a Norinco SKS assault rifle, and fifty-eight rounds of ammunition. [REDACTED] and the four Mexican Officers that entered the U.S. with [REDACTED] were granted a voluntary return to Mexico. The two assault rifles are currently being held at the Nogales BP Station.

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	DATE	TYPE OF INCIDENT	SECTOR	THREATENING	MILITARY UNIT/GOVERNMENT AGENCY
1	01/23/06	MON	ENCOUNTER EPT	YES	ARMED NO
2	04/08/06	FRI	ENCOUNTER TCA	NO	UNARMED YES

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.

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1. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR, BRP STATION** - On 1/26/06, agents spotted a Mexican Military (Mack type) vehicle on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande River approximately at 1230 hours in the [REDACTED] on DOI. Writer also noticed about 16 soldiers walking along the Mexican riverbank. All soldiers were wearing a blue uniform and were carrying rifles, possibly high powered. No other sightings occurred on the same date.
 2. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RGV SECTOR, BRP STATION** - On 2/14/06 at 1030 hours, agents noticed Mexican Military personnel in the [REDACTED] on the Mexican Bank of the Rio Grande River. Military personnel were seen traveling in a Grey personnel transport truck with a tarp covering the back. A second Military unit was seen at the Mexican Rio Grande River Bank in the [REDACTED] at approximately 1100 hours. They were armed with long rifles. The second Military unit was seen walking along the Rio Grande River and making contact with two civilians, which later were seen traveling downriver from initial sighting area without the Military personnel.

At approximately 1500 hours, more Military personnel were seen in the same area (PUB) with long rifles. Upon observation of these Military personnel, writer noticed that the Military personnel had a group of approximately six civilians sitting down underneath a tree, which included the previous two subjects that were seen walking downriver. Military personnel then moved the civilian subjects downriver from the PUB area and out of view, once they knew they were being observed. The Military personnel performed a perimeter around the subjects. RVS operator was notified, and approximately 30 minutes later, RVS advised that the military personnel left the area with the civilians in their custody.

3. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – MARFA SECTOR, ALPINE STATION**
- On 4/1/06, a National Park Service Pilot observed a military Humvee

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near the [REDACTED] Ranch House. This house is suspected of being a processing site for the marijuana growing in the area. The pilot observed the Humvee parked in front of the ranch house with the doors open. No occupants were visible.

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4. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING – RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTOR – FT BROWN STATION** - On May 7, 2006, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Senior Patrol Agent West observed a two and one half ton military vehicle on the Mexican side that was moving downriver from the [REDACTED] Farms in Brownsville, Texas. This area is referenced by the intersection of Oklahoma and Dockberry Roads.

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Approximately five soldiers were observed riding in the back of the vehicle with rifles in slings on their backs. Two other soldiers were seen in the cab of the vehicle.

5. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING MARFA SECTOR, PRESIDIO STATION –**

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[REDACTED]

On 5/24/06, a couple visiting the BBNP (Big Bend National Park) made a report to A National Park Service Ranger via telephone of an encounter with what appeared to be Mexican soldiers. The [REDACTED] in the reporting party stated that [REDACTED] was a Military Captain with the Medical Corp. The Captain reported that at on 5/24/06, at approximately 12:45 p.m., they started on a canoe trip on the Rio Grande through Santa Elena Canyon. The Captain stated that approximately 15 to 20 minutes into their trip they encountered six men dressed in military uniforms wading in the river on the Mexican side of the border. The six men were wearing tan camouflage uniforms and all of them had M-16A2 types of rifles. The men were only carrying small backpacks with what appeared to be personal things in them. The Captain stated that [REDACTED] could tell that the men were soldiers because of the military type formation that they were in while wading down the river. Four of the men appeared to be in their mid 20's and the other two were older. One of the older individuals approached them and tried to have a conversation with them but was unable due to the language barrier. The older individual then called one of the younger individuals to come over and speak with the couple. The individual spoke very broken English and only asked how far down river was the opening of the canyon. The Captain told the individual that the opening of the canyon was about 3 to 4 hundred yards. The Captain said they proceeded on their trip up-river and the men went down river. They made it back to the opening of the canyon around 4:30 to 5:00 pm and that there was no sign of the six individuals. The men did not cross into the U.S. while [REDACTED] was present. The Captain said it appeared the one that looked like he was in charge, had a US Army patch on the left upper pocket of his uniform blouse.

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BORFIC NOTE: On 6/6/06, the same NPS pilot that reported sighting # 3 above, flew over the same area and saw that no marijuana plants were growing. The Mexican soldiers sighted in this incident might have eradicated these grow sites.

6. MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTOR, RIO GRANDE STATION- On 8/27/06 at approximately 1340 hours, a National Guardsman assigned to a "Skywatch" observed Mexican Military vehicles in Miguel Aleman. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The National Guardsman reported seeing 3 Mexican Military Humvees, 1 hard-shell with a manned machine gun (M240B), 2 open topped Humvees with 6 to 8 armed personnel carrying assault rifles. All military personnel were wearing body armor. The National Guardsman noticed there was no uniformity to their uniforms. The vehicles drove through the Miguel Aleman Park located .2mi West of the POE by the riverbank. According to the National Guardsman, the Mexican Military maintained a visual of the "Skywatch" as they drove by. RGC Intelligence comment: This is the first report of Mexican Military in this area in several months. The Miguel Aleman Park is always a hotbed for human and narcotics smugglers. [REDACTED]

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Patrol Agents should exercise caution when encountering Mexican Military, who are usually heavily armed. Agents and National Guardsmen will continue to report any Mexican Military activity.

BORFIC NOTE: Spoke to Sector MLU and confirmed Military Units by Mexican Authorities (SEDENA). Routine patrolling the border.

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7. **MEXICAN MILITARY SIGHTING EL PASO SECTOR, EL PASO STATION-** On 9/6/06 at approximately 12:40 p.m. Senior Border Patrol Agent [REDACTED] was assigned Linewatch duties at the Monument One area. This area is divided by a line of rocks that separates the United States, Mexico Border.

On the above mentioned date Senior Border Patrol Agent [REDACTED] observed a military type vehicle driving toward [REDACTED] location. This vehicle stopped approximately 20 yards away from the United States, Mexico International Boundary where the Agent was able to observe two Mexican Army soldiers in the back of this vehicle.

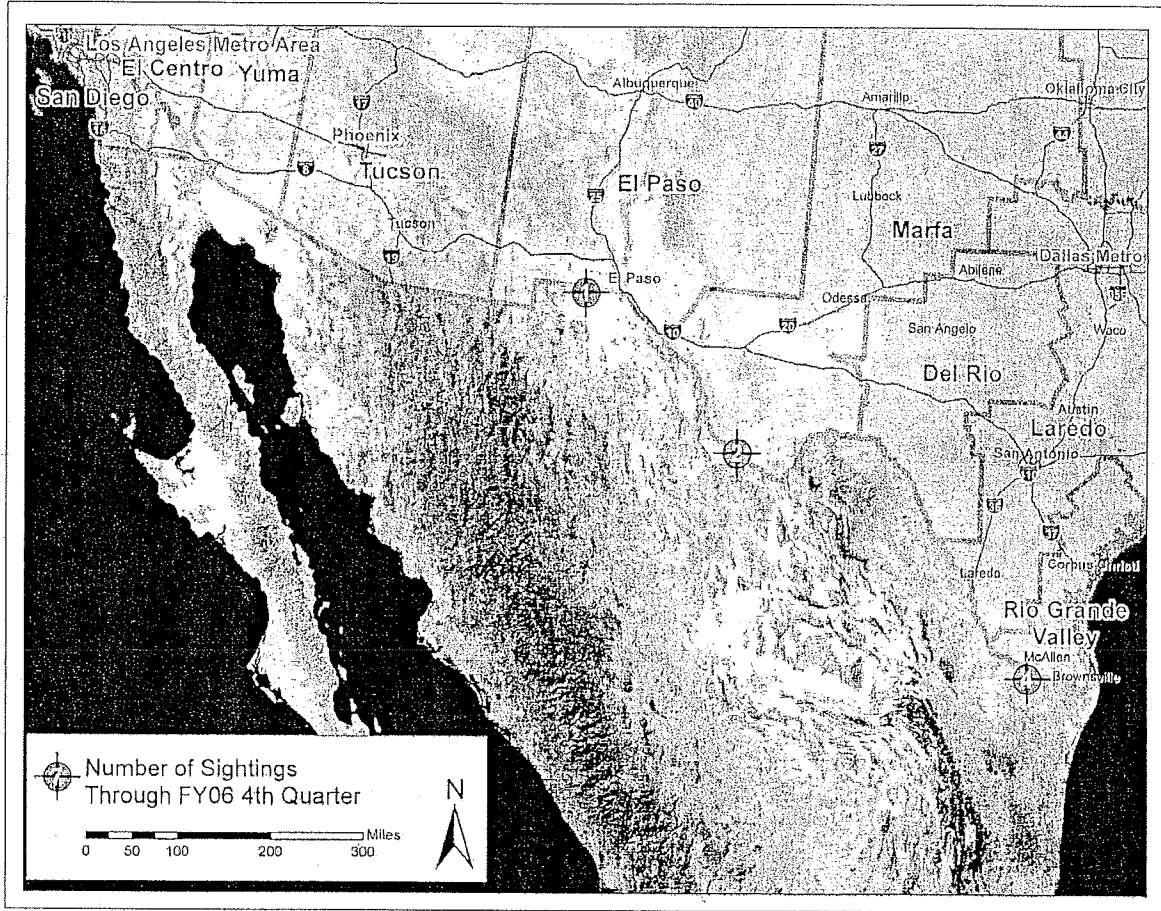
The soldiers were dressed in army fatigues, body armor and military type helmets. The soldiers proceeded to take pictures of the north side of the United States from the back of their vehicle.

Agent notified the camera control operators to watch this vehicle via our Camera Remote Surveillance System, the Surveillance System observed the military vehicle depart into the interior of Mexico after taking pictures of the area.

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	DATE	DAY	TYPE OF INCIDENT	SECTOR	POE
1	01/26/2006	THU	SIGHTING	RGV	
2	02/14/2006	TUE	SIGHTING	RGV	
3	04/01/06	SAT	SIGHTING	MAR	
4	05/07/06	SUN	SIGHTING	RGV	
5	05/24/06	WED	SIGHTING	MAR	
6	08/27/06	SUN	SIGHTING	RGV	
7	09/06/06	WED	SIGHTING	ELP	

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	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	4	5	1	2	5	1	0	2	3	23	8	15
FY 05	3	3	3	4	4	0	0	1	1	19	4	15
FY 06	3	5	9	1	2	0	0	0	0	20	3	17
TOTAL	20	68	35	47	35	8	3	8	29	253	105	148

Incursions per sector since FY96

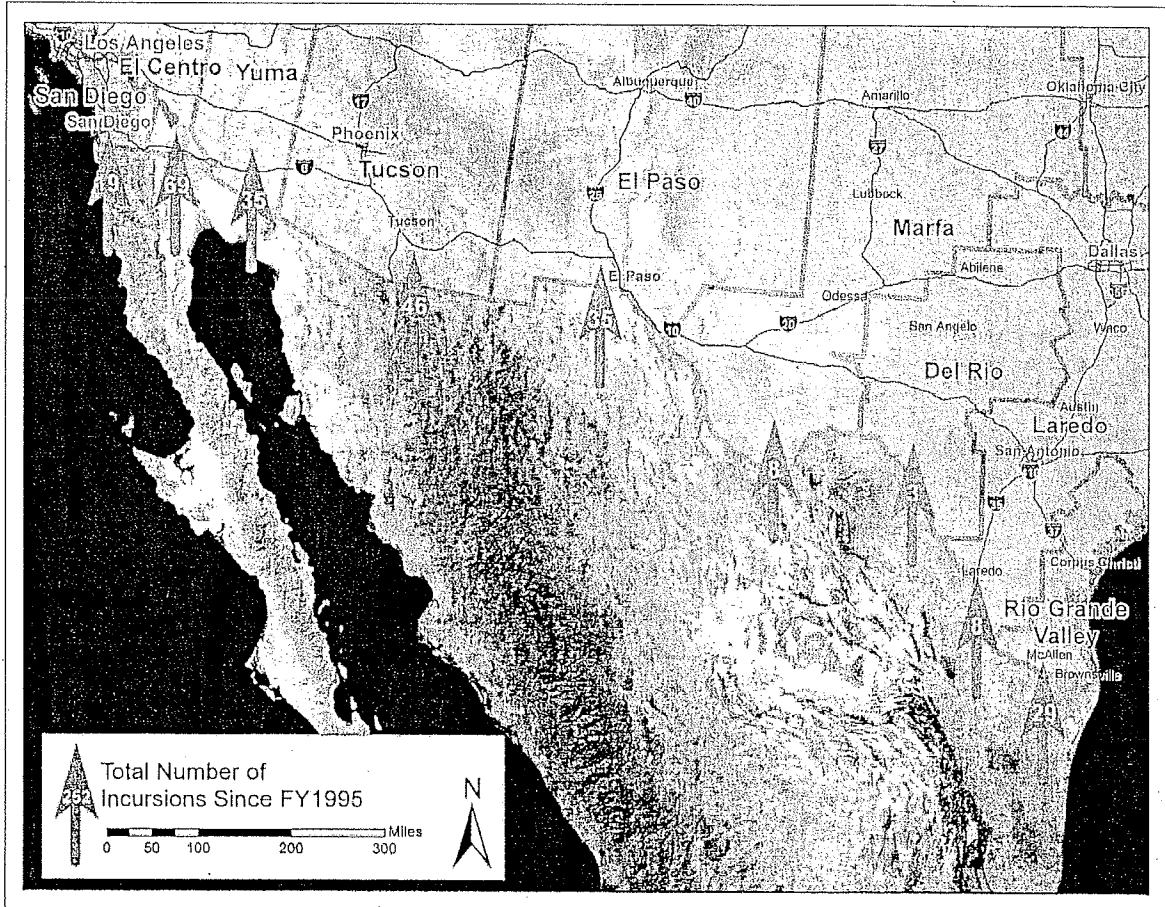
Note: "M" signifies Mexican Military / "P" signifies Mexican Police

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SDC	ELC	YUM	TCA	EPT	MAR	DRT	LRT	RGV
19	69	35	46	35	8	3	8	29



Sector Incursions by FY as of August 22, 2006

Mexican Government Incursions
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