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Washington, DC

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Dear Mr. Smith:

Regarding the article titled "Alleged Mexican Military Incursion into Arizona May Point to Cartel Collusion", written by John Stanton and published on your website, I would like to update readers on the events that took place on January 26th, 2014.

As a result of an exhaustive search that was expanded to include local records, we are now able to confirm that on the morning of the day in question, there was an unintended border crossing by two members of the Mexican Army. Those individuals were part of a counternarcotics operation which had taken place a few minutes prior on the Mexican side of the border. The two members of the Mexican army did not see any sign notifying them that they were crossing the border. When they were approached by agents of the United States Border Patrol, they identified themselves and those Border Patrol agents accompanied them back to the border, which was not far.

Based on the good relationship our nations share and the existing coordination between authorities of both countries, the Office of the Border Patrol and the Commanding Officer of the corresponding military sector in Mexico established contact and agreed that the incident was an isolated and unintended occurrence that was not cause for further investigation.

Both U.S. and Mexican agents sporadically and accidentally cross our common border during their patrols. Mexico and the United States continue to work together closely to manage the security of our common border under the principles of shared responsibility and information while attempting to keep such incidents on both sides of our border to a minimum.

As I mentioned in my previous letter, an unintended border crossing such as this one, is far from enough to even suggest or speculate that Mexican military elements are providing assistance to criminals.

For the sake of clarity and to better inform your readers, I kindly request that this clarification be published on your site as with the previous letter.

Sincerely



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