SIERRA NORTE

Office of the Regional Commander

October 22, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time

To the governments of the United States and Mexico:

The seven American citizens you are searching for are alive and in our custody. Three of them worked for your federal government. Your negotiators are receiving proof that we hold them.

Mexico will release Aurelio “El Glorioso” Valdivia, the Sierra Norte leader arrested on October 9. You call him a kingpin. I call him my fiancé. We have a cathedral booked under an assumed name and 240 guests who have already purchased linen suits. Washington will secure his release within **48 hours: by 6:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time on October 24, 2026**.

If he has not been released by that deadline, we will begin executing the American prisoners. This is an order from me to the men holding them. Do not mistake a conversation with our representatives for an extension.

We have authorized an intermediary to speak with Mexican negotiators. They may bring proposals through that channel. Any change to the deadline or conditions must be explicitly agreed by us. An American military attack will end those negotiations and place the prisoners in immediate danger.

Aurelio must be returned with his engagement ring. The emerald is a family heirloom. The family from whom we acquired it has been very understanding. Mexico will also reimburse the orchid deposit. The florist has declared it nonrefundable, a position I consider needlessly provocative.

I am told Washington wants to debate this. Debate quickly. I will not spend my honeymoon visiting a man through reinforced glass.

Baltasar “El Bluetooth” Montenegro
Regional Commander
Sierra Norte

THE WHITE HOUSE

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR
MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

FROM: Dr. Chadwick Thunderstruck
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: Hostage Threat and Current Recovery Assessment

The FBI has authenticated new proof-of-life material showing all seven missing American citizens alive in Sierra Norte custody, including the three federal personnel. This finding supersedes the uncertainty concerning their status in the October 16 briefing.

At 6:00 p.m. Central today, Baltasar “El Bluetooth” Montenegro threatened to begin executing the Americans at **6:00 p.m. Central on October 24** unless Mexico releases Aurelio “El Glorioso” Valdivia, arrested October 9. Mexico refuses. Intercepts corroborate their romantic relationship and planned wedding. Montenegro also demands an emerald engagement ring and reimbursement of an orchid deposit. Analysts assess that recovering Valdivia is his primary objective; the florist dispute is secondary.

Threat assessment. The intelligence community assesses the threat as credible. Authenticated communications corroborate the commander’s authority over the captors and access to the prisoners. Analysts assess that the group has the capability to carry out its threat; whether it will do so remains uncertain.

American intelligence. Multiple sources identify a probable detention site in northern Tamaulipas. U.S. commanders assess that a rescue could be attempted before the deadline. The site is not confirmed, the captors may move the prisoners, and any operation carries a risk of hostage and civilian deaths.

Mexican negotiations. Mexican negotiators have established two-way contact with an authorized cartel intermediary and obtained the authenticated proof of life. They are seeking release of the Americans and an extension of the deadline. Neither has been secured. Mexico warns that an American strike could terminate this channel.

Mexican commanders estimate that assembling a vetted force for their proposed recovery operation will take five days because local units are compromised. Negotiations can continue immediately. Mexico requests a 24-hour American military pause to pursue them.

Mexico also makes retention of custody and prosecution of the detained leader, a one-year suspension of the pending U.S. extradition request, and Mexican control of advisory deployments and intelligence-sharing arrangements conditions of its security partnership.

BILL A

The S.T.O.R.M. Act

Security Through Offensive Regional Measures

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The President is authorized to make an initial deployment of up to 6,000 special operations and supporting personnel inside Mexico under United States Special Operations Command, including Army Special Forces and Navy SEAL units with aviation and intelligence support, to recover the seven American hostages, prevent further attacks, and disrupt the leadership and operational capacity of the Sierra Norte Cartel.

SECTION 2. United States forces may secure areas necessary for these operations. The Departments of Defense and State may establish temporary administration and restore essential services where local government cannot operate.

SECTION 3. Congress appropriates $20 billion: $15 billion for military operations and $5 billion for reconstruction and civilian administration in secured areas.

SECTION 4. The authority granted by Sections 1 and 2 expires 180 days after passage unless Congress renews it. The President shall submit a withdrawal or transfer plan by day 150.

SECTION 5. The Departments of Defense and State shall implement this Act. This Act takes effect immediately upon passage.

BILL B

The C.A.L.M. Act

Cooperative Assistance and Lawful Mediation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall accept Mexico's security partnership proposal. Mexican forces shall conduct armed operations under Mexican command. American personnel shall provide intelligence, equipment, training, and technical assistance to vetted Mexican federal units.

SECTION 2. For 24 hours after passage, the United States shall suspend military strikes and rescue operations inside Mexico while Mexican negotiators pursue the hostages' release. Immediate defense or emergency evacuation of United States personnel already deployed remains permitted.

SECTION 3. Mexico shall retain custody and prosecution of the arrested Sierra Norte leader. The United States shall suspend its pending extradition request for one year. Mexico shall approve the operational deployment of American advisers and arrangements for sharing intelligence with Mexican units.

SECTION 4. Congress appropriates $10 billion over two years for vetted security units, intelligence support, financial investigations, witness protection, judicial security, and restoration of municipal services. Assistance is contingent on Mexican cooperation with investigations of officials implicated in cartel activity.

SECTION 5. The Department of State, in coordination with the Department of Justice, shall implement this Act and suspend assistance to recipients found to have cartel ties. This Act takes effect immediately upon passage; its assistance authority expires after two years.

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El Bluetooth is giving America 48 HOURS? I do not take deadlines from a man named after a car stereo feature. Our intelligence says the threat to our seven Americans is CREDIBLE. This is not a game!

Don Jr. put together the S.T.O.R.M. Act. His proposal: send the Green Berets and Navy SEALs, bring our people HOME, and take Sierra Norte apart. Very direct. He gets that from ME! El Bluetooth may soon have a very serious CONNECTION PROBLEM!

I also let Ivanka put together the C.A.L.M. Act because she is friends with Mexican hotel billionaire Doña Valentina de la Cashmere. Eleven resorts, three yachts, apparently knows EVERYBODY. They think Mexico can make a deal if we give them 24 hours. Ivanka is very smart. Valentina says she can get anyone on the phone, although I am told she has never personally waited on hold.

Congress has STORM and CALM. People are calling this Succession. WRONG! Better children, better buildings, and I am NOT retiring! I want a decision FAST. The cartel has a clock and Washington has a committee. THAT ENDS TODAY! Put legislation on my desk, get our Americans back, and stop wasting time. We can be CALM, but the STORM is ready. MAKE AMERICA SAFE AGAIN!

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