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Subject

Rene Lopez Romero

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January 20, 1993

To William Mitchell D.A.
Riverside County District
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Riverside, California

From Hector G. Berrellez, G/S
Grp 8/Operation Leyenda
Los Angeles Field Division

Mr. Mitchell,

As you are aware, Mr. Rene Lopez-Romero testified in behalf of the United States Government in U.S. v.s. Ruben Zuno-Arce and Dr. Humberto Alvarez-Machain et al, CR-87 422(a), last December, 1992. Mr. Lopez, a percipient witness to the kidnap, torture, and murder of S/A Enrique Camarena proved to be a crucial witness which resulted in the conviction of defendant Ruben Zuno-Arce, brother-in-law of former Mexico president Luis Echevarria.

The United States Government will pursue indictments of additional defendants, in the future. Mr. Lopez' testimony will be required before Federal Grand juries scheduled to commence within the Central District of California sometime during the month of March, 1993.

Mr. Lopez and his family are currently under the protection and supervision of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Mr. Lopez receives a monthly stipen of \$3000.00 from the United States Government.

Mr. Lopez and his family members will be placed in the U.S. Marshal's Witness Protection Program once Mr. Lopez concludes testifying before the scheduled grand juries. The Lopez family has applied for Political Asylum with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, and it is anticipated that they will become legal resident aliens of this country.

Your assistance regarding Mr. Lopez' current situation will be greatly appreciated. Mr. Lopez has been briefed at length concerning U.S. laws, customs, and mores by agents in my group, and he has assured us that the committed offense will never occur again.

Respectfully submitted

Handwritten signature: Hector G. Berrellez

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