Meeting with Mexico’s Secretary of Interior Miguel Angel Osorio Chong/Meeting with DHS and SEGOB Key Leaders
July 23, 2013

LOGISTICS:
You will meet privately with Secretary Osorio Chong for 30 minutes. U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Tony Wayne will participate in this meeting. At the conclusion of the private meeting, DHS and SEGOB leadership will enter the room and you and Secretary Osorio Chong will then address this senior-leaders group.

ASKS:
- Seek Secretary Osorio Chong’s commitment to maintain and, in time, increase the level of Federal Police dedicated to joint operations along the U.S.-Mexico border.
- Request DHS and SEGOB leadership’s commitment to a coordinated and holistic approach to border management.
- Seek Secretary Osorio Chong’s opinion on how to best integrate Military and civilian efforts to fight organized crime.

KEY BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
You will meet with Mexico’s Secretary of Interior Osorio Chong to discuss the status of U.S.-Mexico law enforcement cooperation along the border. In particular, you will discuss progress made in implementing the Declaration of Principles (DOP) Regarding Coordinated Operations which you and Secretary Osorio Chong signed during your last meeting in April 2013, and the status of Mexico’s efforts along their southern border with Guatemala.

The Coordinated Operations DOP created a local-level oversight group to manage the coordinated deployment of CBP and Mexican enforcement personnel along our shared border. The signing of this document was a key first step in deepening our relationship with the new Mexican security structure. You and Secretary Osorio Chong assigned DHS A/S Alan Bersin and Mexico’s National Security Commission Commissioner Manual Mondragon y Kalb to lead this effort. Bersin and Commissioner Mondragon met in May 2013 to discuss specific deployment plans, as well as to address border violence as part of the Border Violence Prevention Protocols.
LOGISTICS:
3:00 p.m. – You deliver brief remarks.
3:02 p.m. – Secretary Osorio delivers brief remarks.
3:04 p.m. – You participate in a Q&A.
3:15 p.m. – You depart

KEY BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
You will participate in a 15-minute media availability with Mexican Secretary of the Interior Miguel Ángel Osorio Chong at the Brownsville-Mexico border. You will deliver brief remarks highlighting the Administration’s efforts and collaboration with Mexico to secure the shared border, and the need for commonsense immigration reform. You will then participate in brief Q&A with the media.

KEY MESSAGES:
Senate Passage of Immigration Reform:
- I applaud the U.S. Senate on their bipartisan passage of commonsense immigration reform. The bill devotes unprecedented additional resources to the already historic border security improvements this Administration has put in place while also expanding tools that stop employers from hiring illegal workers, deterring future illegal immigration.
- As a former governor of a border state and as the Secretary of Homeland Security, it is a legislative milestone that I am proud to support. Most importantly, the legislation incorporates the principles the President made clear must be part of commonsense immigration reform, including strengthening border security, creating a path to earned citizenship, cracking down on employers that hire undocumented workers, and streamlining our legal immigration system so everyone is playing by the same set of rules.
- I am hopeful that the House of Representatives will follow the leadership shown by a strong bipartisan majority of their Senate colleagues and work to fix our broken immigration system.
ATTACHMENTS:
A. Talking Points
B. Q&A
C. White House U.S.-Mexico Partnership Fact Sheet

Staff Responsible for Briefing Memo: Clark Stevens, Assistant Secretary, OPA.
Talking Points: Media Availability in Brownsville/Matamoros

- I want to thank Secretary Osorio Chong for hosting me today and for his partnership as we seek to enhance security and economic prosperity on both sides of our mutual border.

- Let me also congratulate him and the entire Pena Nieto administration for the recent capture of Miguel Angel Trevino (Z-40).
  - Not only is this a huge blow to the Zetas cartel, but reflects the significant commitment of the Pena Nieto administration to break up these transnational criminal organizations.
  - The United States will continue to be a strong partner to Mexico in these efforts.

- And, in fact, we are here today to inaugurate the first ever program of coordinated patrols between the U.S. Border Patrol and Mexico’s Federal Police.

- This unprecedented cooperation highlights our shared commitment to a secure border, but also a border that promotes lawful trade and travel between our two nations.

- The patrols are taking place as part of the Border Violence Prevention Protocols, which are our framework to jointly address crime and violence in the border region and strengthen cooperation, planning, and communication among law enforcement. One key action for achieving this objective was kicking off coordinated patrols.

- These patrols will enhance efforts to combat both the infrastructure and actions of organizations involved in the smuggling and/or trafficking of narcotics, weapons, ammunition, humans, and currency.
• They will support economic competitiveness by creating an environment in which our citizens and business continue to feel safe and secure.

• They will support our efforts to reduce violence and increase security. And they will strengthen efforts to detect and deter illegal immigration and protect vulnerable migrants.

• I want to thank my Mexican colleagues, especially Secretary Osorio Chong and his staff, and all of those at DHS for their efforts.

• And I want to personally applaud the leadership and vision of Secretary Osorio Chong and thank President Peña Nieto for the support he has provided to this effort.

• Your continued work moving forward will undoubtedly increase security along our shared border and benefit our work to address legal flows of people and goods between our two countries.

• Thank you.
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Q&A IF ASKED

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Supreme Court Ruling on the Defense of Marriage Act:

- I applaud the Supreme Court decision in United States v. Windsor holding that the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is unconstitutional.
- This discriminatory law denied thousands of legally married same-sex couples many important federal benefits, including immigration benefits.
- I am pleased the Court agreed with the Administration’s position that DOMA’s restrictions violate the Constitution.
- Working with our federal partners, including the Department of Justice, we will implement today’s decision so that all married couples will be treated equally and fairly in the administration of our immigration laws.
Human Trafficking:

- What is Human Trafficking?
  - Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery, and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act.
  - It is estimated that human trafficking is a $32 billion per year industry. According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, human trafficking is the second most profitable form of transnational crime, after drug trafficking.
  - Profits from the human trafficking industry contribute to the expansion of organized crime in the United States and worldwide.

- What Does Human Trafficking Look Like in the United States and abroad?
  - Modern-day forms of slavery exist in every country—and in every state of our union. It exists in cities, the suburbs, and rural areas.
  - Victims are recruited from schools, at bus stops; runaways, for example are a particularly vulnerable population.
  - The victims are young children, teenagers, women and men, new immigrants, and people from all socioeconomic groups. They are victims of commercial sexual exploitation, involuntary servitude, and forced labor.
  - But it is a hidden crime—victims can be coerced through threats or violence, and can be afraid to come forward and get help.

- What is DHS' role in combating human trafficking?
  - DHS is responsible for investigating human trafficking, arresting traffickers and protecting victims. DHS initiates hundreds of investigations and makes numerous arrests every year, using a victim-centered approach.
  - DHS also processes immigration relief through Continued Presence (CP), T visas, and U visas to victims of human trafficking and other designated crimes.
  - To prevent human trafficking and enhance victim identification, the Department conducts public outreach both domestically and abroad. The Department created a suite of trainings and materials, which are distributed to key sectors, including transportation, hospitality, retail, law enforcement, first responders, and non-governmental organizations to increase awareness about how to identify and report suspected cases of human trafficking.

- What is the DHS Blue Campaign?
  - The Blue Campaign is the unified voice for DHS' efforts to combat human trafficking. Working in collaboration with law enforcement, government, and nongovernmental and
private organizations, the Blue Campaign strives to protect the basic right of freedom, and to bring those who exploit human lives to justice.
FACT SHEET U.S. – Mexico Partnership

In his meeting earlier today with President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico, President Obama underscored the strategic nature of the bilateral relationship, and the two leaders discussed the broad range of bilateral, regional, and global issues that bind the United States and Mexico and touch the daily lives of citizens of both countries. The Presidents discussed ways to deepen the economic and commercial relationship and reaffirmed their commitment to conclude a high-standard Trans-Pacific Partnership this year. President Obama noted the importance of people-to-people connections, including greater educational exchange as part of the 100,000 Strong in the Americas Initiative.

President Obama reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to work in partnership with Mexico on the security challenges facing both countries. President Obama pledged to continue to use Merida Initiative resources to support efforts to reduce violence in Mexico and ensure respect for human rights. In particular, the two leaders discussed the importance of working together to strike at the financial underpinnings of criminal enterprises that operate in both countries, while ensuring the integrity of our financial systems for legitimate trade and commerce. President Obama also expressed support for Mexico’s transition to an accusatory system of justice. The leaders affirmed their commitment to work together to promote a secure and efficient border.

High Level Economic Dialogue. To further elevate and strengthen the U.S.-Mexico bilateral commercial and economic relationship, President Obama and President Peña Nieto agreed to establish a High Level Economic Dialogue (HLED). The HLED, which will be led at the cabinet level, is envisioned as a flexible platform intended to advance strategic economic and commercial priorities central to promoting mutual economic growth, job creation, and competitiveness. It is expected to meet annually, starting this fall, to facilitate dialogue and joint initiatives and to promote shared approaches to regional and global economic leadership. It will build on, but not duplicate, a range of existing successful bilateral dialogues and working groups.

Bilateral Forum on Higher Education, Innovation, and Research. Building on a long history of educational collaboration between the United States and Mexico, President Obama and President Peña Nieto announced the formation of a Bilateral Forum on Higher Education, Innovation, and Research. The Forum is intended to expand
economic opportunities for citizens of both countries, develop a shared vision on educational cooperation, and share best practices in higher education and innovation.

Renewed Commitment to the 21st Century Border Management Initiative. The two Presidents underscored their commitment to a secure and efficient shared border and reaffirmed the importance of the 21st Century Border Management Initiative, noting the recently concluded first meeting under President Peña Nieto’s tenure of the Initiative’s Executive Steering Committee. During that meeting, both governments agreed to support key projects and initiatives that improve infrastructure, facilitate the secure flow of legitimate commerce and travel, and enhance law enforcement cooperation along the border. Parallel cabinet-level discussions have focused on the need to enhance joint security efforts on both sides of the border and further integrate our response to natural disasters.

USAID-AMEXCID Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Third Countries. As part of an increased commitment to cooperate on common goals in Central America and elsewhere in the world, the two Presidents welcomed a recently signed Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Mexican Foreign Secretariat’s Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) on international cooperation. The MOU facilitates U.S.-Mexico cooperation in third countries in areas such as economic growth, environment and climate change, disaster management, governance and rule of law, and science, technology, and innovation.

U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement. President Obama welcomed positive steps the U.S. Congress has taken recently toward implementing the Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement, which is designed to enhance energy security in North America and support our shared duty to exercise responsible stewardship of the Gulf of Mexico. The Agreement establishes a cooperative process for managing the development of oil and gas reservoirs that cross the international maritime boundary between the two countries in the Gulf of Mexico.

USPTO-IMPI Memorandum of Understanding on IPR Cooperation. Recognizing the importance of protecting intellectual property to our broader goals of economic growth and innovation, President Obama welcomed the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and its counterpart, the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI). The MOU will deepen cooperation between the two entities in a range of areas, including: public awareness of the importance of intellectual property; expert exchanges; and sharing best practices on intellectual property office administration.

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ASK:
- Seek President Enrique Peña Nieto’s commitment to continue to engage closely with DHS on U.S.-Mexico and larger regional security efforts.

KEY BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
President Nieto was elected President of Mexico in December 2012, replacing Felipe Calderón. Prior to assuming the presidency, President Nieto served as Governor of the State of Mexico. You last met with President Nieto in December 2012 to congratulate him on his election and discuss DHS engagement in Mexico under his new administration.

Prior to your meeting with President Nieto, you will have met with Mexican Secretary of Interior Miguel Angel Osorio Chong and with the Border Violence Prevention Group in Brownsville, TX/Matamoros, Tamaulipas where you will discuss efforts to increase security coordination on our shared border. You will have also met with representatives from Mexico’s National Security Council to discuss security efforts on the southern border with Guatemala and Belize.

During your meeting, you should assure President Nieto that despite your upcoming departure, Mexico will continue to be a priority and a strategic partner for DHS. You should applaud President Nieto’s vision and commitment to economic and national security.

You should note the historic effort you have spearheaded in developing the philosophy and implementation framework for co-management of border regions. Given the flow of people and goods through Central America and the impact those flows have on U.S. borders, you should express your support for Mexico’s efforts in Mexico’s southern border region.

Stress to President Nieto the importance of a coordinated approach to border management — founded on the principle of co-responsibility — that applies not only to the United States and Mexico, but to the region as a whole, and specifically to Central America. It is not enough, in a world of interconnected supply and travel networks that like Dubai to Durango to Denver, for countries to undertake border management in a vacuum. Managing border, the U.S.-Mexico border, the Mexico-Guatemala border, or any other border, requires that countries work together toward common goals and objectives. Whether the goal is increased information sharing or improving customs processes, co-management and co-responsibility are central to success. For Mexico to be successful in managing its southern border, Guatemala and Belize must buy into, and become part of, the border management process.

NSA/Snowden
The Mexicans have signaled that they expect your meeting with President Nieto to “put to bed” issues regarding the Snowden leaks, which are being raised by the Mexican press. You will be provided, separately, White House talking points to address this issue.

Staff Responsible for Briefing Memo: Alan Bersin, Assistant Secretary, OIA.
Talking Points: Meeting with DHS and SEGOB Leadership

- First, let me congratulate Secretary Osorio Chong and the entire Pena Nieto administration for the recent capture of Miguel Angel Trevino (Z-40).
  - Not only is this a huge blow to the Zetas cartel, but reflects the significant commitment of the Pena Nieto administration to break up these transnational criminal organizations.
  - The United States will continue to be a strong partner to Mexico in these efforts.

- Now, in recent months, we have taken unique and unprecedented steps to secure our shared border.

- By adopting the doctrines of co-management for migration issues, and co-responsibility for security, our border is more secure than ever before.

- I expect that initiatives like the Interior Repatriation Initiative (IRI), coordinated patrols, cargo pre-inspection, and trusted traveler and trusted shipper programs will continue to grow, and reap significant benefits for both our countries.

- It is crucial for us to keep up this momentum in the coming weeks, months, and years. We cannot afford to lose sight of our goal of creating a secure border which facilitates legitimate trade and travel, while addressing concerns like transnational crime and protecting vulnerable migrants.

- The people in this room are the people who can ensure that we continue to make progress. I look to you to lead the charge on these programs.

- As with any great endeavor, there are bound to be setbacks. Over our long history we have seen our share.
• However, we must continue to address and learn from these challenges to create truly successful and mutually beneficial programs.

• I encourage this group to continue to develop and adapt programs to our dynamic security needs.

• I look forward to hearing from you over the coming weeks about things that are working, and things that are not working, as well as things that can or should be changed to improve these efforts. Thank you.