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Questions for the Record Submitted to  
Assistant Secretary Roger Noriega by  
Sen. Norm Coleman (#2A)  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
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Question:

Would you comment on the regularity with which the U.S. raises concerns about the murders, particularly the Kiecker case, and the apparent lack of adequate law enforcement at the local and state level in Chihuahua?

Answer:

Our Embassy in Mexico City and our Consulate General in Ciudad Juarez have formally protested the treatment of Cynthia Kiecker and raise her case at every opportunity. Senior officials of the Department have also raised the matter with their Mexican counterparts and will continue to do so.

With respect to the situation in Chihuahua, and particularly Ciudad Juarez, involving the murders of women, we follow this issue closely and have discussed the matter with officials of the Mexican Government, including in conversations between Secretary Powell and Mexican Foreign Secretary Derbez. The U.S. Government has provided training and technical assistance in the past and stands ready to provide further assistance.