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SUBJECT: WHA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LINDA JEWELL, S
OCTOBER 21, 2004, MEETING WITH CHIHUAHUA ATTORNEY GENERAL
PATRICIA GONZALEZ RODRIGUEZ

1. (SBU) SUMMARY. WHA DAS JEWELL MET OCTOBER 21, 2004, WITH
NEW CHIHUAHUA ATTORNEY GENERAL PATRICIA GONZALEZ RODRIGUEZ IN
WASHINGTON. GONZALEZ WAS IN WASHINGTON FOR A HEARING AT THE
INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE MURDERS OF
WOMEN IN CIUDAD JUAREZ. DAS JEWELL WAS JOINED BY CA/OCS
MANAGING DIRECTOR ALICE MOORE, RAFAELA HERRERA OF USAID
MEXICO, AND WILLIAM DUNCAN OF WHA/MEX (NOTETAKER). THEY
DISCUSSED PLANS FOR JUSTICE REFORM IN CHIHUAHUA, THE MURDERS
OF WOMEN IN CIUDAD JUAREZ, AND THE CASE OF AMCIT CYNTHIA
KIECKER. END SUMMARY.

JUSTICE REFORM

2. (U) UPON BEING CONGRATULATED ON HER NEW POSITION BY DAS
JEWELL, GONZALEZ SAID HER OCTOBER 8 ELECTION AS ATTORNEY
GENERAL HAD BEEN UNPRECEDENTED IN SEVERAL WAYS. SHE WAS THE
FIRST WOMAN IN CHIHUAHUA'S HISTORY TO HOLD THE POST, AND, FOR
THE FIRST TIME, RATHER THAN MERELY APPOINTING AN ATTORNEY

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GENERAL, NEW GOVERNOR JOSE REYES BAEZA HAD SENT THE STATE LEGISLATURE A SLATE OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES AND ALLOWED THE LEGISLATURE TO CHOOSE AMONG THEM. GONZALEZ WAS THE UNANIMOUS CHOICE.

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4. (U) DAS JEWELL SAID AN EFFECTIVE JUSTICE SYSTEM WAS THE BASIS FOR PROGRESS IN SO MANY AREAS (E.G. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT). SHE EMPHASIZED THAT THE USG WANTED TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF REFORM EFFORTS IN CHIHUAHUA AND ELSEWHERE. GONZALEZ STRESSED THAT SHE COUNTED ON USAID SUPPORT IN THE REFORM EFFORT AND SPECIFIED THE NEED FOR TRAINING IN INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES AND IN ORAL TRIAL PROCEDURES.

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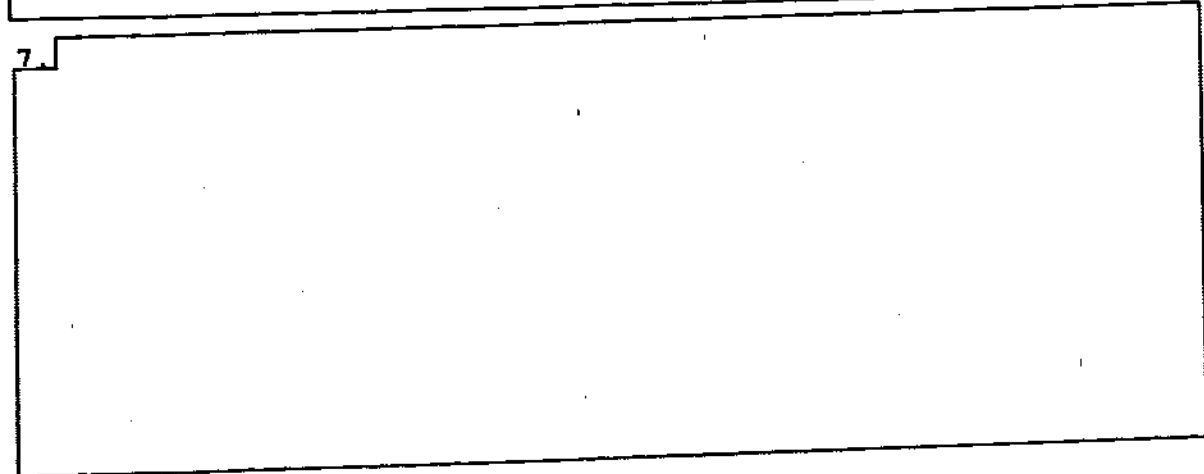
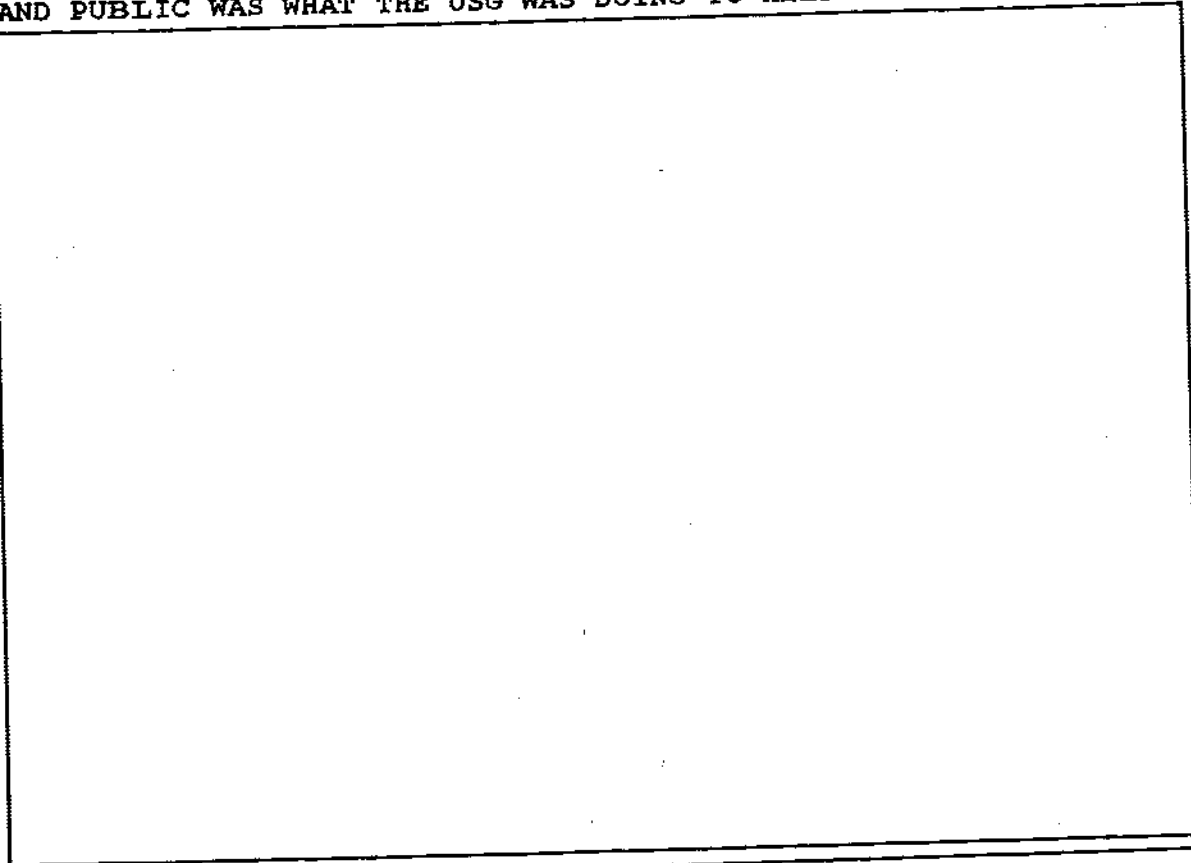
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MURDERS OF WOMEN IN CIUDAD JUAREZ

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6. (U) DAS JEWELL SAID THE MURDERS IN CIUDAD JUAREZ HAD CAPTURED THE ATTENTION OF MANY IN THE U.S., INCLUDING CONGRESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS. IT WAS DAMAGING CHIHUAHUA'S IMAGE AND WOULD INEVITABLY BE AN IMPEDIMENT TO EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SHE STRESSED THAT THE USG WANTED TO HELP CHIHUAHUA SOLVE THESE TERRIBLE CRIMES, AND NOTED THAT THE REPEATED QUESTION FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS AND PUBLIC WAS WHAT THE USG WAS DOING TO HELP MEXICO ON THIS.

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CYNTHIA KIECKER

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8. (SBU) DAS JEWELL SAID THE USG WAS PROFOUNDLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CYNTHIA KIECKER CASE AND BELIEVED SHE HAD BEEN A VICTIM OF TORTURE. SHE SAID STATE OFFICIALS HAD BEEN BLOCKING AN IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION OF THE TORTURE ALLEGATIONS AND ASKED FOR GONZALEZ'S HELP IN LETTING THE INVESTIGATION PROCEED. CA/OCS MANAGING DIRECTOR MOORE NOTED THERE HAD BEEN GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT EARLIER THIS YEAR WHEN GOM OFFICIALS TOLD A MEMBER OF CONGRESS THAT KIECKER'S RELEASE WAS IMMINENT, SOMETHING THAT TURNED OUT TO BE INCORRECT.

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[REDACTED] DIRECTOR MOORE SAID THE CASE HAD BEEN DEVASTATING FOR THE KIECKER FAMILY AND ASKED FOR GONZALEZ' ASSISTANCE IN INVESTIGATING THE TORTURE OF KIECKER AND THE WITNESSES AGAINST HER, WHOM SHE EMPHASIZED HAD RECANTED THEIR STATEMENTS INCRIMINATING KIECKER AND HER HUSBAND. SHE ALSO EMPHASIZED THE LACK OF CONSULAR NOTIFICATION IN THE CASE.

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COMMENT

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