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Sent: Friday, March 05, 2004 8:40 AM
To: O'Neil, Cathy (ODAG); Taylor, Jeffrey; Ayres, David; Comey, James (ODAG)
Cc: Leonhart, Michele M.; Levey, Stuart; Rosenberg, Chuck; Corallo, Mark; Benson, Russell F
Subject: Re: Possible press involving the DEA Juarez/ICE informant issue

Importance: High

DEA HQ officials were not aware of our el paso SAC's inexcusable letter until last evening -- although a copy of the letter first landed in the foreign operations section sometime the day before. The SAC did not tell anyone at HQ that he was contemplating such a letter, and did not discuss it or share it with HQ until we received the copy as noted above, well after it was sent.

I apologized to Johnny Sutton last night and he and I agreed on a no comment to the press.

Mike furgason, Chief of Operations, notified the El Paso SAC last night that he is not to speak to the press other than a no comment, that he is to desist writing anything regarding the Juarez matter and related case and defer to the joint management and threat assessment teams out of HQ -- and he is to relay these directions to the rest of his El Paso Division.

The SAC, who reports to Michele, will be brought in next week for performance discussions to further address this officially.

