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**From:** Laszczyc, Joanne <LaszczycJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2010 9:42 AM  
**To:** H  
**Cc:** Abedin, Huma  
**Subject:** On behalf of Cheryl Mills

Good morning,

1. Cheryl is trying to reach you to follow-up on your weekend conversation.
2. She's been w/o a computer all morning because hers malfunctioned and POEMS is still working to fix it.
3. President Carter called and spoke with Cheryl this am. He asks to speak with you directly about his trips. Home #:

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 22, 2010 9:13 PM  
**To:** 'H'  
**Subject:** FW: Insecurity and Monterrey Consulate

See below.

No update yet - John is out and have not connected with Jack but will early am.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Pascual, Carlos (Mexico City)  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 22, 2010 2:35 PM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D; Sullivan, Jacob J; Steinberg, James B; Lew, Jacob J; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Jacobson, Roberta S; Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Cc:** Feeley, John D (Mexico City);   
**Subject:** Insecurity and Monterrey Consulate

Please Pass to the Secretary

Madame Secretary,

A shoot out occurred on August 20 in front of the American School in Monterrey (AFSM), resulting in the death of two bodyguards. An investigation is continuing into the details, but our understanding at this point is that it was an attempted kidnapping targeting the relatives of a local business executive. While it does not appear that U.S. families were targeted, the sharp increase in kidnapping incidents in the Monterrey area, and this event in particular, present a very high risk to the families of U.S. citizens who might be become incidental victims.

U.S. security and law enforcement personnel have engaged local and federal security officials to seek their help on understanding the immediate risks and measures that can be taken. I have urged U.S. families at the Consulate in

Monterrey not to send their children to school in the coming days while we review the events that took place on August 20. We also are advising U.S. citizens in the area that we have urged Consulate personnel not to send their children to school while we complete this security review.

I am sure that the warden notice will lead to a rash of press reports on U.S. concerns about security in Monterrey. More broadly, if the government cannot get the kidnappings in Monterrey under control, that may affect our ability to function in Monterrey. I have advised Secretary Espinosa of this, and have sought her help as well to address consulate security.

Consulate personnel are currently on "authorized departure" and have the option to send their families to a U.S. location. Pat Kennedy is in close touch on these matters.

Carlos Pascual

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