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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 8:26 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Statement by the Secretary

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

From: Pascual, Carlos (Mexico City)
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 08:15 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: Re: Statement by the Secretary

Thanks for forwarding this and Alec's note. Lanny and Alec have been great friends and partners in this endeavor.

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From: Mills, Cheryl D
To: Pascual, Carlos (Mexico City)
Sent: Sun Mar 20 04:05:24 2011
Subject: Fw: Statement by the Secretary

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From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 06:05 AM
To: 'Lanny.Breuer' [redacted]
Subject: Re: Statement by the Secretary

As do we.

Thank you for this.

Cdm

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

From: Breuer, Lanny A. [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 11:05 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: Fw: Statement by the Secretary

Cheryl, Carlos is truly special. It has been my honor to work with him. I wanted you and Secretary Clinton to know that he is a great public servant. I consider him a friend and a great person. Lanny

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From: Breuer, Lanny A.

To: 'ValenzuelaAA@state.gov' <ValenzuelaAA@state.gov>; 'PascualC@state.gov' <PascualC@state.gov>; 'JacobsonRS@state.gov' <JacobsonRS@state.gov>; 'LeeEA@state.gov' <LeeEA@state.gov>; 'drestrepo' [redacted]

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'koreilly' [redacted]

'Alan.D.Bersin' [redacted]

'Jmorton1' [redacted]

rand.beers [redacted]

Sent: Sat Mar 19 23:02:51 2011

Subject: Re: Statement by the Secretary

Carlos, It has been a singular honor for me to work with you. You are a great patriot, diplomat and public servant. You are so deeply devoted to the well being of the United States and Mexico and so committed to building on the great partnership of those two countries. You stand out as a remarkable U.S. Ambassador. I am better for having worked with you. I have learned much from you; and I am lucky to call you a friend. Thank you for your service. I am hopeful and committed that we will continue to work closely together.

With my utmost friendship and respect.

Lanny

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

From: Valenzuela, Arturo A <ValenzuelaAA@state.gov>

To: Pascual, Carlos (Mexico City) <PascualC@state.gov>; Jacobson, Roberta S <JacobsonRS@state.gov>; Lee, Edward A <LeeEA@state.gov>; drestrepo [redacted] koreilly [redacted] alan.d.bersin [redacted] Breuer, Lanny A.; Jmorton1 [redacted]

rand.beers [redacted]

Sent: Sat Mar 19 22:56:16 2011

Subject: Re: Statement by the Secretary

Carlos, I can only echo the sentiments of my colleagues. You have done a magnificent job advancing US interests at a difficult time-- and you did it with professionalism, intelligence and grace. We are deeply indebted for your efforts and are honored to have served with you. All the best, Arturo

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

From: Pascual, Carlos (Mexico City)

Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 08:38 PM

To: Valenzuela, Arturo A; Jacobson, Roberta S; Lee, Edward A; 'drestrepo' [redacted]

'koreilly' [redacted] alan.d.bersin [redacted]

'Lanny.Breuer' [redacted] 'Jmorton1' [redacted]

rand.beers [redacted]

Subject: Fw: Statement by the Secretary

I want to thank all of you for your friendship and collegiality. My request to leave Mexico was not an easy decision -- one that I discussed at length with Secretary Clinton. Mexico is one of our most important diplomatic missions in the world. The team of professionals here and in Washington is extraordinary. The work we are doing is exceptional.

I had to consider whether President Calderon's decision to make me an issue in the bilateral relationship would distract from the interests of both the United States and Mexico. In the final analysis, one thing was clear: our bilateral interests have to prevail over any personal considerations. Secretary Clinton and the President asked me to stay for some time to work out an orderly transition before going on to another assignment. It has been and continues to be an honor to serve here.

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From: Pascual, Carlos (Mexico City)

To: Pascual, Carlos (Mexico City)

Sent: Sat Mar 19 18:02:56 2011

Subject: Statement by the Secretary

STATEMENT BY SECRETARY CLINTON

It is with great regret that I announce that Ambassador Pascual has asked President Obama and me to accept his resignation as our ambassador to Mexico

For the past year and a half, Ambassador Pascual has been an architect and advocate for the U.S.-Mexico relationship, effectively advancing the policies of the United States on behalf of the President and this Administration. He has collaborated tirelessly with his Mexican counterparts to lay the foundation for a cross-border renewable energy market, to open negotiations on the management of oil and gas reserves that span U.S. and Mexican territory, and to build a new border strategy to advance trade while staunching illicit flows. Carlos has also engaged U.S. and Mexican business to build markets that have helped make Mexico the number two destination of U.S. exports.

Ambassador Pascual worked with the Mexican government to integrate human rights into our respective policies and engagement; he also partnered to enhance the human and cultural connections that underpin the friendship between the people of Mexico and the United States. Carlos partnered with his counterparts to reach beyond the Merida Initiative's initial focus on disrupting cartels to building institutions for the rule of law in Mexico and engaging Mexican civil society in advancing their security. These ties, grown and strengthened throughout his tenure, will serve both our nations for decades.

Within the U.S. Government, Carlos embraced a "whole of government" approach to addressing one of our most important bilateral relationships, winning the respect and cooperation of our foreign service, military and law enforcement agencies. The President and I are particularly grateful to Carlos for his efforts to sustain the morale and security of American personnel after tragic shootings in Mexico that killed four people from our extended family in the past year.

Carlos has relayed his decision to return to Washington based upon his personal desire to ensure the strong relationship between our two countries and to avert issues raised by President Calderon that could distract from the important business of advancing our bilateral interests. It is with great reluctance that President Obama and I have acceded to

Carlos's request. Prior to returning to assuming his new responsibilities at the State Department, the President and I have asked Carlos to stay in Mexico to help us organize an orderly transition.

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