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PLEASE PASS TO THE SECRETARY

Tomorrow at 3:00 Attorney General Holder will hold a press conference where he will unseal indictments in a RICO case against 33 people in the Barrios Azteca gang for their involvement in the murders last year of our three colleagues associated with our consulate in Ciudad Juarez, as well as other organized crime activities. 23 of these individuals are in the United States. There will be an operation to detain them in the morning, precluding us from saying anything further about the case. 10 are in Mexico, of whom seven are already in jail, and three are at large. This is the first time the US does a RICO case against a criminal group in Mexico. The indictments come almost on the one year anniversary of the murders.

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