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Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 1:27 PM
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Subject: Concerns

Gentlemen,

I hope you will accept this email in the spirit intended. It's my understanding that more often than not my emails are perceived as attacks, which is certainly not my intention. I'm interested in border security and properly enforcing US laws - under that guise this email is being written.

I'm more concerned today than ever before with the Border Patrol's direction.

On June 13, 2017, at approximately 5 p.m., at least one (b) (7)(E) detected four illegal border crossers walking into the "No Mas Muertes" camp located on the western end of the city of Arivaca, AZ, in the (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E). Not only did the (b) (7)(E) have visual of the illegal entrants, but Border Patrol Agents followed the sign of the illegal entrants to the camp. Upon arrival at the perimeter of the camp, agents were met by members of "No Mas Muertes" who refused entrance onto the property. The property is not enclosed. Management told the agents to stand down so that a warrant could be obtained. As of this writing and two days after the illegal entry, no warrant has been obtained. Instead, hundreds of man-hours have been spent surrounding and surveilling the camp.

Management told more than one agent that the AUSA wants to try diplomacy prior to seeking a warrant. It needs to be noted that diplomacy has never worked with this group and more than one vehicle has driven in and out of the camp since the 13th. The Border Patrol has a documented history with this camp and on previous occasions illegal entrants have been seen carrying large bundles into the camp without the agency ever attempting to get a search warrant. Due to the constant flow of vehicle traffic and due to management's direction that agents not perform vehicle stops on the vehicles leaving the camp, it is believed that both narcotics and illegal aliens have successfully been smuggled out of the camp in the "name" of humanitarian efforts.

I have a hard time believing if CBP/BP wanted an AUSA to get a warrant, that a warrant couldn't be obtained. Due to the lack of what I believe is a proper response by the agency, most agents feel the four persons who entered the US in violation of law have already or will be able to evade apprehension.

This situation is a prime example of one of the reasons for my concern with the BPs direction (rank-and-file concern). It is generally viewed that operations haven't changed on the Southwest Border since President Obama's Administration left office. We're still not allowed to perform the types of transportation checks and city patrols we performed under the Bush administration and the recent hirings/appointments to SES positions are head scratchers. The appointment of both Chief Karisch as Joint Field Commander West and Associate Commissioner Klein as the head of OPR is, I believe, a step backwards.

It is reported that Chief Karisch was forced out of Yuma when he was the DCPA due to an inappropriate relationship with a subordinate. Whether true or not, I do not know, but if it is, I'm sure you can understand my concern. A special salary rate for OPR polygraphers was recently approved while Chief Karisch was the acting head of OPR. The special salary rate benefits him directly as his longtime girlfriend/fiancee is a CBP/OPR polygrapher and whether or not he had any say in the matter, the optics are certainly terrible. And, in my mind, his job performance while Chief of Del Rio doesn't support the promotion. The official agency documents to

which I testified during a congressional hearing showed a 50% apprehension rate of known illegal border crossers in his sector.

Based solely on job performance (not resume), AC Klein's appointment is not as concerning but it still leaves those in the know wondering. AC Klein oversaw and I assume was the architect of a polygraph program that was detrimental to the hiring of Border Patrol Agents and cost tax payers an exponential amount of money. The program has since had to be completely revamped and I believe facts will support that OPR's inordinate polygraph failure rate was the main reason we were never able to reach or maintain the BP's congressionally mandated floor of 21,370 agents during AC Klein's previous tenure.

I don't know how the status quo and recycling of managers (something I've discussed until I'm blue in the face) is going to improve our agency. We, rank-and-file Border Patrol Agents, knew under the Obama Administration enforcement wouldn't be a priority, but we certainly didn't think the heads of our organization would continue Obama policies into this new administration. I could be wrong but I don't think this is the wish of the Trump Administration and I'm hoping things will change sooner rather than later.

I realize this email will not make me popular with Nogales management, Chief Karisch, or AC Klein, but I would be remiss if I didn't bring these concerns to your attention.

Thanks,

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