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FROM: Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary of Defense (SO/LIC)

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SUBJECT: Illegal Immigrants Crossing into Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR)

- During your recent trip to Yuma, Arizona, a Marine raised the issue of aviators being unable to train in some cases because illegal immigrants cross through BMGR.
- The Department is working on an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on joint use of BMGR since the range borders the United States and Mexico. The agreement will grant DHS necessary access to the range in order to carry out their border control mission. However, pending the formal Memorandum of Understanding, U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) aircraft are allowed to operate on BMGR under informal agreements. Of course, this results in some minor impacts on range time.
- Training may be altered or in some cases halted, as a result of allowing ICE aircraft on the range to conduct missions. However, many training missions are able to continue while ICE aircraft are conducting operations by coordinating the use of airspace, limiting the use of ordnance, or establishing off limit areas.

COORDINATION: Tab A

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