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14. SYNOPSIS:

Prior to April 17, 1998, an anonymous letter, alleging misconduct by Customs Office of Internal Affairs (IA) Agents assigned to the El Paso (EP), Texas office, was received by U.S. Customs Service Commissioner, Raymond W. KELLY. The anonymous letter alleges that certain Internal Affairs Agents, a.k.a. the "MEXICAN MAFIA," were former Customs Office of Investigation (OI) Agents, El Paso, TX, who transferred to IA with the intent of targeting and harassing current OI/EP Agents whom they disliked or hated.

The HQ IA/FS investigation revealed the identity the anonymous letter author who was subsequently documented as [REDACTED] admitted that [REDACTED] embellished portions of the letter and was "pissed off" when [REDACTED] wrote the letter. Although there is evidence of "bad blood" between some IA and OI agents, the allegations listed in the letter were not substantiated. Some recusal issues were identified and are addressed in this report.

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