

DEA y FBI deberán informar sobre su conocimiento de la corrupción de García Luna

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Así lo solicitó el senador Chuck Grassley, que exigió saber cuándo y cómo se enteraron que el secretario de Felipe Calderón era corrupto



Tras declarar culpable al exfuncionario, **Genaro García Luna**, el senador estadounidense, **Chuck Grassley**, pidió a la Administración de Control de Drogas (DEA, por sus siglas en inglés) y a la Oficina Federal de Investigación (FBI) **explicar qué sabían sobre el involucramiento del exsecretario con el crimen organizado.**

En específico, el republicano exigió saber **cuándo y cómo** se enteraron que el secretario de Felipe Calderón era corrupto.

“«Por favor, expliquen qué sabían cada una de sus agencias sobre la corrupción y actividad criminal de García Luna, cuándo se enteraron de esa información y cómo dieron con esa información”«

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 22, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Anne Milgram
Administrator
U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Administrator Milgram and Director Wray:

Genero Garcia Luna worked with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at the time that he funneled roughly 103,000 pounds of cocaine into the United States.¹ On January 17, 2023, his trial for conspiracy to distribute cocaine internationally, conspiracy to distribute and possess cocaine, conspiracy to import cocaine, continuing criminal enterprise, and making false statements began in the Eastern District of New York. There, witnesses testified that Garcia Luna used law enforcement personnel and equipment to help the Sinaloa Cartel transport shipments of cocaine.² They also testified that Garcia Luna helped Alturo Beltran Leyva—the leader of the Beltran Leyva Organization—evade arrest. Yesterday, the jury found Garcia Luna guilty on all counts.

As part of the scheme, Jesus Zambada—a Sinaloa Cartel boss—explained that the cartel would receive cocaine at the airport in Mexico City and then Garcia Luna's officers would unload the cocaine, place it in patrol cars, and deliver it to the cartel.³ Reportedly, the U.S. government donated these vehicles and further trained and equipped Garcia Luna's officers.⁴

¹ *United States v. Garcia Luna*, 1:19-cr-00576, Dkt. 123-2 at 7-8 (E.D.N.Y. Oct. 14, 2022); *USA v. Garcia Luna*, episode 2: the Mexican Hoover (Dec. 9, 2022), *USA v. Garcia Luna*, Episode 2: the Mexican Hoover (Dec. 9, 2022), [Episode 2: The Mexican Hoover - USA v. Garcia Luna - Omny.fm](#)

² *USA v. Garcia Luna*, Episode 9: The DEA Tapes, (Feb. 17, 2023) *Podcast: The DEA Tapes, Episode 9, USA v. Garcia Luna - Futuro Hinojosa Futuro Hinojosa (futuroinvestigates.org)*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

Another witness, Sergio Villarreal Barragán, saw García Luna accept money from the cartel.⁵ He was arrested in Mexico in September 2010. Upon arrest, DEA Assistant Special Agent in Charge Miguel Madrigal stated that Barragán cooperated within hours and told the DEA that García Luna had been working with the cartels.⁶

This was not surprising news. According to reports, the U.S. government already knew that García Luna was corrupt.

For example, according to journalists, a Mexican police commander reported García Luna's corruption to the U.S. Embassy in 2008.⁷ U.S. Embassy officials responded to the commander that they were already investigating García Luna.⁸ One week later, García Luna's officers arrested and tortured the commander.⁹ He remained in Mexican custody for four years before Mexico declared him innocent.¹⁰

The safety and success of U.S. law enforcement efforts depends on the proper stewardship of U.S. law enforcement assets and information, which are dependent upon resources provided by the taxpayer. To that end, I request the following information no later than March 22, 2023.

- 1) Please provide all recordings of García Luna.¹¹ For each recording, please list the date the recording was made and the date that your agency became aware of it.
- 2) Please provide all reports, notes, or other documents relating to García Luna's criminal activity.
- 3) Upon his arrest, García Luna gave U.S. law enforcement access to his cell phone and laptop. Please provide the content from García Luna's cell phone and laptop.
- 4) Please explain what each of your agencies knew about García Luna's corruption and criminal activity, when your agencies learned the information, and how your agencies learned the information. Please identify the individuals to whom your agencies communicated that information and the dates on which each piece of information was communicated.

⁵ Keegan Hamilton, Vice News, How the Sinaloa Cartel Corrupts Mexican Cops and Operates With Impunity (Feb. 24, 2023), <https://www.vice.com/en/article/epze4n/how-the-sinaloa-cartel-corrupts-mexican-cops-and-operates-with-impunity>

⁶ Redacció FM, Almomentö, DEA knew links of the Sinaloa Cartel and Luna since 2010, says Miguel Madrigal (Feb. 3, 2023), [DEA knew links of the Sinaloa Cartel and Luna since 2010, says Miguel Madrigal - Almomenews, national and international information](#)

⁷ USA v. García Luna, Episode 2: the Mexican Hoover (Dec. 9, 2022), [Episode 2: The Mexican Hoover - USA v. García Luna - Omny.fm](#)

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ A source reported to investigative journalists that, while visiting a DEA facility in the United States, the source listened to recordings of conversations between García Luna and Arturo Beltrán Leyva. [Podcast: The DEA Tapped into the Cartels' Secret Conversations - Episode 9, USA v. García Luna - Futuro Hinojosa \(futuroinvestigates.org\)](#)

En el documento, enviado a **Anne Milgram, administradora de la DEA** y a **Christopher Wray, director del FBI**, el senador solicita identificar a qué personas informaron sobre la actividad criminal de García Luna, así como su **test de control de confianza y quiénes lo realizaron**.

También hace un recuento de las declaraciones de diversos miembros de cárteles de drogas, las cuales revelaron los sobornos que recibía y que, desde 2010, el gobierno de Estados Unidos ya sabía que García Luna era un corrupto.

Chuck Grassley solicita **grabaciones, reportes, notas y otros documentos de la actividad criminal del** exsecretario de Seguridad Pública, así como los **archivos que hayan obtenido de su computadora y celular**, que fueron decomisados tras su detención en diciembre de 2019.

El senador dio un plazo de **un mes para proporcionarle dicha información**, el cual vencerá el próximo 22 de marzo.

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