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## Page Eight **Bilbray Pushes To Extradite** Killers Of DEA Agent

Congressman Jim Bilbray has been joined by Rep. Dante Fascell, the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Charles Rangel, Chairman of the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control, and Rep. Lawrence Smith, Chairman of the Task Force on International Narcotics Control in urging Secretary of State James Baker to pursue two Mexican drug dealers who killed an American Drug Enforcement Agent. The letter was signed by 26 Representatives.

According to recently published reports, two of the men convicted of killing American D.E.A. agent Enrique Camarena Salazar have, until recently,

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been living in luxury in prison blocks which were converted for their comfort. The killers, Rafael Caro Quintero and Ernesto Fonseca Carrillo, have converted their cells into small palaces staffed with body guards, and servants.

Bilbray reacted saying, "These are cold blooded killers. They tortured and murdered our D.E.A. agent and his pilot. The Mexican authorities insisted they would deal with these men through their own system. Now we see exactly how hollow those assurances were. These men aren't in prison, they are on vacation. I want them to face authorities and a jury here in the States. Then we can see about real justice for the killers of Camerena."

The "inmates" had apparently bribed Mexican prison officials to provide their lavish lifestyles which included elaborate furnishings like a jacuzzi,

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telephone system to continue their drug trade from within the prison, and an all but completed tunnel which was discovered by American D.E.A. agents.

Said Bilbray, "When these men were originally arrested I went to the Mexican Embassy and talked with the Ambassador directly. He denied that Mexico should turn the killers over, stating that Mexico would bring them to justice. I had no idea that their idea of justice was Club Med.

Mexican officials say they will turn the killers over to the United States after the men finish their Mexican prison sentences.

Said Bilbray, "We have seen the sentences. We want the Bush Administration to renew the call for extradition. I have been joined by some very powerful Members from both sides of the aisle. Mexican authorities have to realize that Congress has some real problems with the way that this matter is being mishandled. The reaction by the Mexican Government will not go unnoticed."

Bilbray was joined in the letter by 26 members of the House. Several of the cosigners serve on the Foreign Affairs Committee, which must approve any narcotics control assistance which may be given to Mexico in the future.

