

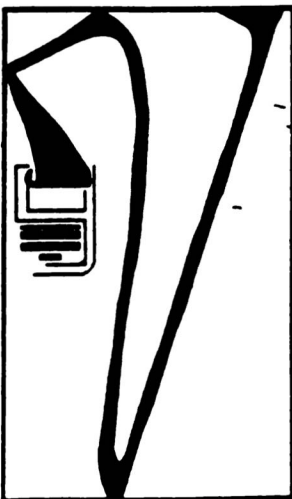
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1 automobiles parked along the side of the road that turned
2 their headlights on when the sun went down and stayed in
3 that position for about an hour, created a great fuss and
4 brought national attention to the border area.

5 The big question was what was I doing? What
6 was I looking for? My statement was that thousands of
7 people on a daily basis were invading the country, being
8 harassed by bandits, creating danger on the freeways, and
9 breaking the basic immigration laws of the country.

10 Demonstrations went on for over a year with
11 the result of congressional attention and national
12 attention, and the building of the old steel fence and
13 light towers from San Ysidro to Brownsville, Texas. This
14 set in motion the current attention to this area which
15 should have happened 30 years ago, but at least it's
16 happening now, and I'm very pleased and I do not wish to
17 see budget cuts or necessary equipment taken away from
18 the mission. This includes passable roads and fences
19 needed to continue the strong border security.

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21 MR. ROBERT BEKEN:

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23 I think it's critical that this expansion of
24 the border fence be implemented. The murders in Tijuana
25 indicate that the migrant element coming across our

1 border are a threat to the citizens of Imperial Beach and
2 even La Jolla. With 35 murders in Tijuana every month
3 and the loss of two chiefs of police in just the last
4 five years from machine gunfire tell me that we must seal
5 this border. We have 1,945 miles of border shared with
6 Mexico. Yet along that entire border, it is nothing but
7 murder, crime, assault. This must stop.

8 I believe that present statistics show that
9 when Poncho Via raided Columbus, New Mexico during the
10 Mexican civil war and killed 18 Americans,
11 President Wilson called out the entire U.S. Army, and it
12 was the largest military force assembled in one spot
13 since the civil war, and the largest calvary force ever
14 amassed in the history of the United States. And all of
15 this was to stop Ponco Via from continuing his assault on
16 innocent Americans where in one day Mexicans, Poncho Via,
17 killed 18 Americans.

18 Today, in the United States, Mexicans kill
19 more than 25 Americans each and every day yet nothing is
20 done. The fence is not completed, over a million Mexican
21 nationals cross our border and perpetrate crimes of
22 unspeakable barbarity. This must stop. The border fence
23 must be complete.

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