



**U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection**

MAR 29 2016

Commissioner

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley:

This is in response to your March 7, 2016 letter to Secretary Johnson regarding reports of alleged visits by Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman into the United States in 2015. The Secretary has asked me to respond directly to you.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has no information that substantiates the claims in those news reports.

I appreciate your interest in U.S. Customs and Border Protection. If we may offer further assistance, please contact Mr. Michael Yeager, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Congressional Affairs, at (202) 344-1760.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "R. Gil Kerlikowske".

R. Gil Kerlikowske  
Commissioner