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Mr. Bob Jackson  
General Counsel  
Texas Department of Transportation  
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Dear Mr. Jackson:

I am writing in regards to your letter dated March 9, 2011 concerning whether the Texas Department of Transportation is required to obtain a Presidential Permit in order to reconstruct the U.S. side of the Presidio International Rail bridge following fire damage.

The Department of State confirms its prior determination that no Presidential Permit is needed for the project as described. Please bear in mind that this decision has no bearing on other permits that may be needed to complete this project.

Given that the International Boundary and Water Commission advises the Secretary of State on international water issues, we would encourage you to work with the Commission on meeting its concerns regarding this project.

Please contact Andrea Brouillette-Rodriguez at the Office of Mexican Affairs' Border Unit at 202-647-9895 or [RodriguezAR@state.gov](mailto:RodriguezAR@state.gov) if you have further questions.

Best regards,

Rachel Poynter  
Border Coordinator