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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Madam Secretary:

I am writing to inquire what is being done to recover the body of David Michael Hartley, 30, who was reportedly shot in the head by armed men while jet skiing on the Mexican side of Falcon Lake on September 30.

Investigators report that Mr. Hartley and his wife Tiffany were tourists from Colorado who decided to vacation out at Falcon Lake, a popular southern Texas landmark that has some of the best bass fishing in the world. However, when they went to the Mexican side of the border to photograph ruins of a famous church in Old Guerrero, they were ambushed by armed men on three boats. As they raced back to the U.S. side of the border, Mr. Hartley was shot in the back of the head. Mrs. Hartley attempted to pull his body up onto her jet ski, but was unable as she barely escaped the gunfire herself.

U.S. law enforcement officials did their own search and were unable to locate Mr. Hartley's body. I understand they have made requests of their Mexican counterparts to do the same on the Mexican side of the lake, but it is unknown if Mexico will send out such a search team.

I am very concerned that the body of an American citizen is left floating on the Mexican side of the border. I would like to know what efforts the State Department has made to retrieve it and what strategy it will carry out going forward to retrieve the body. It is the least we can do for his now grief-stricken widow.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress  
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