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ENGINEERS BUILD FENCE

23 Mar 99

118 SECONDS

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VIDEO

AUDIO

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WS CONSTRUCTION CREW

WELCOME TO CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA.  
POPULATION, 25-THOUSAND.

MS VEGETABLE TRUCK

IT'S AN AGRICULTURAL TOWN - AND AN  
INTERNATIONAL TRADING CENTER.

LS VEGETABLE TRUCKS

ITS MAIN TRADING PARTNER IS THE  
MEXICAN CITY OF MEXICALI,

LS WORK CREW

POPULATION 440-THOUSAND, ON THE  
OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE.

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REPORTER STANDUP

THIS FENCE HERE IN CALEXICO WAS  
BUILT IN THE LATE 1940'S. ITS  
ONE-AND-A-HALF FEET WITHIN THE  
UNITED STATES BORDER. PROBLEM IS,  
THIS FENCE, ALL ALONG ITS LENGTH,  
IS LIKE SWISS CHEESE. AND THERE'S  
HUNDREDS OF HOLES LIKE THIS.

LS MEN AT FENCE

AND THAT MAKES IT TOO EASY TO  
SMUGGLE DRUGS.

MS HOLES IN FENCE

BORDER PATROL NEEDED A BETTER  
BARRIER - SOMETHING THAT WOULD  
SLOW SMUGGLERS AND GIVE BORDER  
PATROL AGENTS A CHANCE TO RESPOND.

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CU GRADER

TEAM ENGINEER, OF THE CALIFORNIA  
NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG  
PROGRAM, HAS BEEN

LS FENCE CREW

BUILDING BARRIERS AND ROADS ALONG  
THE CALIFORNIA-MEXICO BORDER SINCE  
1990.

CU SURVEYOR

ENGINEERS SURVEY THE NEW FENCE  
LINE THREE FEET NORTH OF THE  
ACTUAL BORDER, SO CREWS CAN REPAIR  
THE SOUTH FACE OF THE FENCE

MS CHAINMAN

WITHOUT ENTERING MEXICO.

MS AUGER

OTHER CONSTRUCTION TEAMS DRILL THE  
FOUNDATION HOLES AND

MS FENCE POST CREW

INSTALL THE UPRIGHT SUPPORTS.

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LS FENCE PANEL

THE FINAL STEP IS INSTALLING THESE  
13-FOOT-HIGH

MS INSTALL PANEL

PANELS AND REMOVING THE OLD CHAIN  
LINK FENCE.

CU INSTALL PANEL

THIS NEW BARRIER WILL BE MUCH MORE  
DIFFICULT TO BREACH, AND WILL HELP  
REDUCE SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES IN  
CALEXICO.

MS SPC LAYON

SPECIALIST LAYON WAS A RESIDENT OF  
THE BORDER TOWN OF SAN YSIDRO WHEN  
ITS BARRIER WAS INSTALLED

MS SPC LAYON

SOUND BITE (17 SECONDS)

IN CUE: "YOU WOULD SEE..."

INSERT: MEXICALI THRU FENCE

OUT CUE: "...CRIME RATE HAS  
DROPPED."

LS FENCE (PAN)

IN CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, I'M ARMY  
STAFF SERGEANT WARREN SAVAGE.

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