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DIST 1 AUGUST 1968

COUNTRY: MEXICO

DOI : 1 AUGUST 1968

SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP [Redacted]

ACQ : [Redacted]

SOURCE: [Redacted]

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1650 HOURS ON 1 AUGUST 1968, THE MEXICO CITY POLICE FORCE WAS PLACED UNDER THE COMMAND OF GENERAL HERNANDEZ TOLEDO, COMMANDER OF THE FORTIETH BATTALION OF THE MEXICAN ARMY. PARATROOPERS OF THE FORTIETH BATTALION, TOGETHER WITH NINE LIGHT TANKS, JEEPS AND SEVERAL SOUND TRUCKS ARE DEPLOYED IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL PART OF MEXICO CITY, ON INSURGENTES AVENUE, BETWEEN DOWNTOWN MEXICO CITY AND THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (UNAM), WHERE A MASS STUDENT DEMONSTRATION IS UNDERWAY.

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2. STUDENTS AT THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (IPN) HAVE COMMANDEERED SEVENTEEN CITY BUSES WHICH THEY HAVE FILLED WITH STUDENTS AND DRIVEN TO THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. [Redacted]

3. IPN STUDENTS PLAN TO STAGE AN UNAUTHORIZED DEMONSTRATION BEGINNING AT 1600 HOURS ON 1 AUGUST. RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING THAT THESE STUDENTS ARE COLLECTING KNIVES AND SMALL ARMS WITH WHICH TO PROTECT THEMSELVES IN THE EVENT THEY ARE "ATTACKED" BY POLICE OR MILITARY FORCES DURING THE DEMONSTRATION. [Redacted]

4. [Redacted] COMMENT: AS OF 1700 HOURS, THE NORMAL ACTIVITY OF MEXICO CITY HAS NOT BEEN INTERRUPTED BY THESE DEVELOPMENTS).

5. [Redacted] DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR FBI CINCSO

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