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COUNTRY: MEXICO

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SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP

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1. COMMENT: IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION HELD ON 13 AUGUST 1968, REPORTS

[REDACTED] REFLECT A STATE OF DISORGANIZATION AND CONFUSION, FROM WHICH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT THE EVENTUAL OUTCOME OF THE CURRENT WAVE OF UNREST. WHAT DOES APPEAR CERTAIN IS THAT THE MANY STUDENT FACTIONS AT WORK ARE ALL PROMOTING THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND ARE MANEUVERING FOR CONTROL OF AS LARGE A SEGMENT

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OF THE STUDENT POPULATION AS POSSIBLE. THIS SETTING IS CONDUCTIVE TO THE GENERATING OF CONFLICTING REPORTS, RUMORS AND SPECULATION. IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ARE SAMPLINGS OF CURRENT REPORTS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE SOURCES OF THIS INFORMATION ARE REPORTING ACCURATELY WITHIN THEIR SPHERES OF OBSERVATION, BUT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS A FIRM BASIS FOR ANY GIVEN ELEMENT OF INFORMATION.

2. LEFTIST FORMER PRESIDENT GENERAL LAZARO CARDENAS DEL RIO PROMOTED THE CURRENT WAVE OF STUDENT AGITATION IN ORDER TO DISCREDIT LUIS ECHEVERRIA ALVAREZ, MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT, AND ALFONSO CORONA DEL ROSAL, MAYOR OF MEXICO CITY, BOTH OF WHOM ASPIRE TO THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF MEXICO. CARDENAS' MOTIVE IN CREATING A SITUATION REQUIRING THE USE OF THE ARMY TO RESTORE ORDER IS TO ENHANCE THE STATUS OF THE MILITARY SO THAT MINISTER OF DEFENSE MARCELINO GARCIA BARRAGAN AND OTHER GENERALS WHO GIVE THEIR RANK TO CARDENAS WILL, WITH THE SUPPORT OF CARDENAS AND ANOTHER FORMER PRESIDENT, ADOLFO RUIZ CORTINEZ, BE IN A POSITION VIRTUALLY TO NAME THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF MEXICO.

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ABOVE INFORMATION AS A STORY WHICH IS CIRCULATING

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3. [Redacted] AUGUST, AT A MEETING OF THE STRIKE COMMITTEE OF THE ONAM LAW SCHOOL, A LETTER WAS READ FROM JENARO VAZQUEZ ROJAS, FUGITIVE POLITICAL LEADER FROM THE STATE OF GUERRERO, IN WHICH HE STATED THAT HE WAS IN THE MOUNTAINS OF GUERRERO WITH A GROUP PREPARING FOR GUERRILLA ACTION. VAZQUEZ ROJAS ASKED THE STUDENTS TO CONTINUE THEIR AGITATION IN THE URBAN AREAS WHICH WOULD BE AIDED BY GUERRILLA ACTION FROM THE RURAL AREAS. SOME LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE KNOWN TO BE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST YOUTH OF MEXICO (CYM) COMMENTED AFTER THE READING OF THE LETTER THAT THIS WOULD HELP THEIR ACTION OF THE SAME TYPE BEING PLANNED IN THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA.

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4. THE RADICAL LEFT AMONG THE STUDENTS AT UNAM ARE CLAIMING THAT THE 13 AUGUST DEMONSTRATION WAS A CLEAR-CUT VICTORY FOR THEIR CAUSE AND A RECORD TURN-OUT. AT THE SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, WHICH IS STILL CONTROLLED BY THE LEFTIST, THERE WAS A GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 14 AUGUST, THE THEME OF WHICH WAS THAT THE DEMONSTRATION WAS A TRIUMPH FOR THE RADICAL YOUTH IN THAT IT SHOWED THAT THEY COULD DRAW MUCH MORE ATTENTION AND DO MORE TO TIE UP THE COUNTRY THAN THE ESTABLISHED LEFTIST PARTIES. STUDENTS PRESENT AT THIS ASSEMBLY CALLED FOR A "TRUE MARXIST-ACTIVIST PARTY". THEY RIDICULED THE POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY (PPS) AND CALLED THE MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCM) "TIMID". "YOUTH SHOULD TRY TO FORM ITS OWN PARTY, LED BY YOUTH," THEY CLAIMED. AT UNAM, LEFTIST STUDENT LEADERS ARE PROVIDED WITH PERMANENT BODYGUARDS. SOME OF THESE LEADERS WERE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ARMED DURING THE 13 AUGUST DEMONSTRATION AND ARE STILL IN POSSESSION OF THEIR WEAPONS. POLICE ARE TRYING TO DETERMINE THE SOURCES OF THE MASSES OF STUDENT PROPAGANDA AND TO STOP THE FLOW OF IT, BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE MATERIAL IS BEING PRINTED EITHER AT UNAM OR AT

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5. [REDACTED] AUGUST, AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT UNAM, STUDENTS AGREED TO CONTINUE THEIR STRIKE. THE STRIKE COMMITTEE AND THE PROFESSORS' COORDINATING COMMITTEE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONVEY A MEETING IN ORDER TO COMPOSE A REQUEST FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT GUSTAVO DIAZ ORDAZ. STUDENT BRIGADES WERE TOLD TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK OF TAKING THE STUDENTS' CAUSE TO WORKERS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MORAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT. BRIGADES WILL BE SENT ALSO TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. [REDACTED]

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6. THE MEXICAN WORKERS' CONFEDERATION (CTM) LEADERSHIP HAS RULED THAT MEXICAN LABOR WILL NOT SUPPORT THE STUDENTS OR PARTICIPATE IN DEMONSTRATIONS. THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVES OF LABOR WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 13 AUGUST DEMONSTRATION WERE PETROLEUM WORKERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF ONE OF THE "PARTACUS" LEAGUES. THERE MAY IN THE FUTURE BE SMALL COMMUNIST LABOR CELL PARTICIPATION IN DISTURBANCES IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT LABOR SUPPORTS THE STUDENTS, BUT THERE WILL BE NEITHER ORGANIZED NOR MASS LABOR SUPPORT FORTHCOMING. [REDACTED]

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7. [Redacted] COMMENTS [Redacted]

[Redacted] NONE OF THE STUDENT LEADERS [Redacted] WOULD VENTURE TO PREDICT FUTURE GOVERNMENT STEPS WITH RESPECT TO THE CURRENT PROBLEM. ALL OF THEM EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT DIAZ ORDAZ HAS HANDLED THE SITUATION BADLY AND THAT HE IS WEAK AND THE ARMY IS STRONG; THAT CORONA DEL ROSAL WILL CONTINUE OFFERING "FALSE FRIENDSHIP," BUT THAT HIS IS MIXED UP IN "A PLOT." NONE OF THE STUDENT LEADERS COULD ELABORATE ON "THE PLOT." THEY WERE CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS FAILURE TO MAKE A DEFINITE STATEMENT ON RESPONSIBILITIES FOR STUDENT AGITATION, AND THEY BELIEVE THAT THIS HAS CREATED AN AMBIENT WHERE RUMORS STRIVE, A SITUATION WHICH HAS PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE AID TO PRO-COMMUNIST STUDENT GROUPS.)

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