

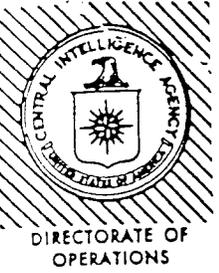
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1. ALTHOUGH INCOMING PRESIDENT JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO WAS HANDPICKED BY PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA ALVAREZ AND THERE HAVE BEEN MANY SIGNS OF COOPERATION AND IDENTIFICATION BETWEEN THE TWO, IN RECENT WEEKS DIFFERENCES OF

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OPINION, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE HANDLING OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, APPEAR TO HAVE DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE TWO MEN.

2, ASSOCIATES OF LOPEZ-PORTILLO HAVE INDICATED THAT, WHILE ECHEVERRIA REMAINS IN OFFICE, THE PRESIDENT-ELECT WILL REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY COMMENTS WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS CRITICAL OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT HIDING THEIR VIEWS THAT THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN MISMANAGED BY ECHEVERRIA AND THAT THE CURRENT INFLATIONARY WAVE AND DRAMATIC WEAKENING OF THE PESO AFTER THE 31 AUGUST FLOTATION HAVE BEEN CAUSED PRIMARILY BY THE LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE ECHEVERRIA ADMINISTRATION AND THE LATTER'S UNNECESSARY CATERING TO LABOR.

3, THOSE CLOSE TO LOPEZ-PORTILLO FEEL THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HAS MISMANAGED BOTH THE FLOTATION OF THE PESO AND THE SUBSEQUENT HANDLING OF THE ECONOMY. THE RESULT IS THAT NONE OF THE BENEFITS WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED FROM FLOTATION WERE REALIZED AND THAT THE UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING THE ECONOMY ARE AS GREAT, IF NOT GREATER, TWO MONTHS AFTER THE ORIGINAL FLOTATION AS THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY.

4, SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES EXIST BETWEEN THE OUTGOING

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AND INCOMING PRINCIPALS WITH RESPECT TO ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PRIVATE SECTOR, EMPHASIS ON FOREIGN POLICY, FOREIGN TRADE AND INFORMATION POLICY. GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE LOPEZ-PORTILLO CAMP WISHES TO CREATE CONDITIONS TO RESTORE INVESTOR CONFIDENCE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME REDUCING GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES BY APPLYING ESSENTIALLY COMMERCIAL CRITERIA TO FOREIGN POLICY AND FOREIGN TRADE. WITH RESPECT TO INFORMATION POLICY, IT IS INTENDED TO CENTRALIZE INFORMATION GUIDANCE AND TO UTILIZE IT PRIMARILY FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

5. LOPEZ-PORTILLO IS DETERMINED TO WITHHOLD BOTH POLICY STATEMENTS AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION UNTIL 30 NOVEMBER IN ORDER TO AVOID DEROGATORY REFLECTIONS ON ECHEVERRIA. HE FEELS THAT THE PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR THE FAILURE TO APPOINT OTHERS WOULD BE ANALYZED AS REFLECTING DIFFERENCES IN POINTS OF VIEW. WHILE SUCH DIFFERENCES EXIST AND WILL BECOME OBVIOUS, HE DOES NOT WANT THEM PUBLICIZED AND DISCUSSED WHILE ECHEVERRIA IS STILL PRESIDENT.

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