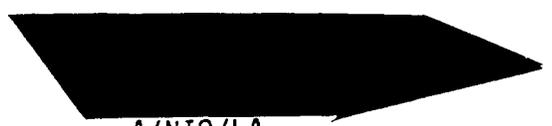


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NOTE TO: DCI
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1. It is true that there have been widespread land seizures in Mexico, but there is no evidence to show that these are "officially tolerated." This is a demographic phenomenon caused by the rapidly increasing population. During Echevarria's tenure from 1970 through 1976, the population of Mexico increased from 14 million to 62 million -- most of them in rural areas.
2. While Echevarria is attempting to establish himself as a leader of the Third World, there is no evidence to show that he is Communist-inspired or advised.



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