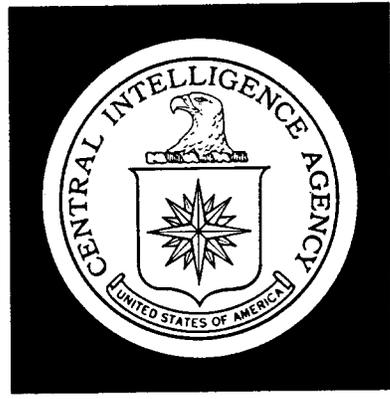


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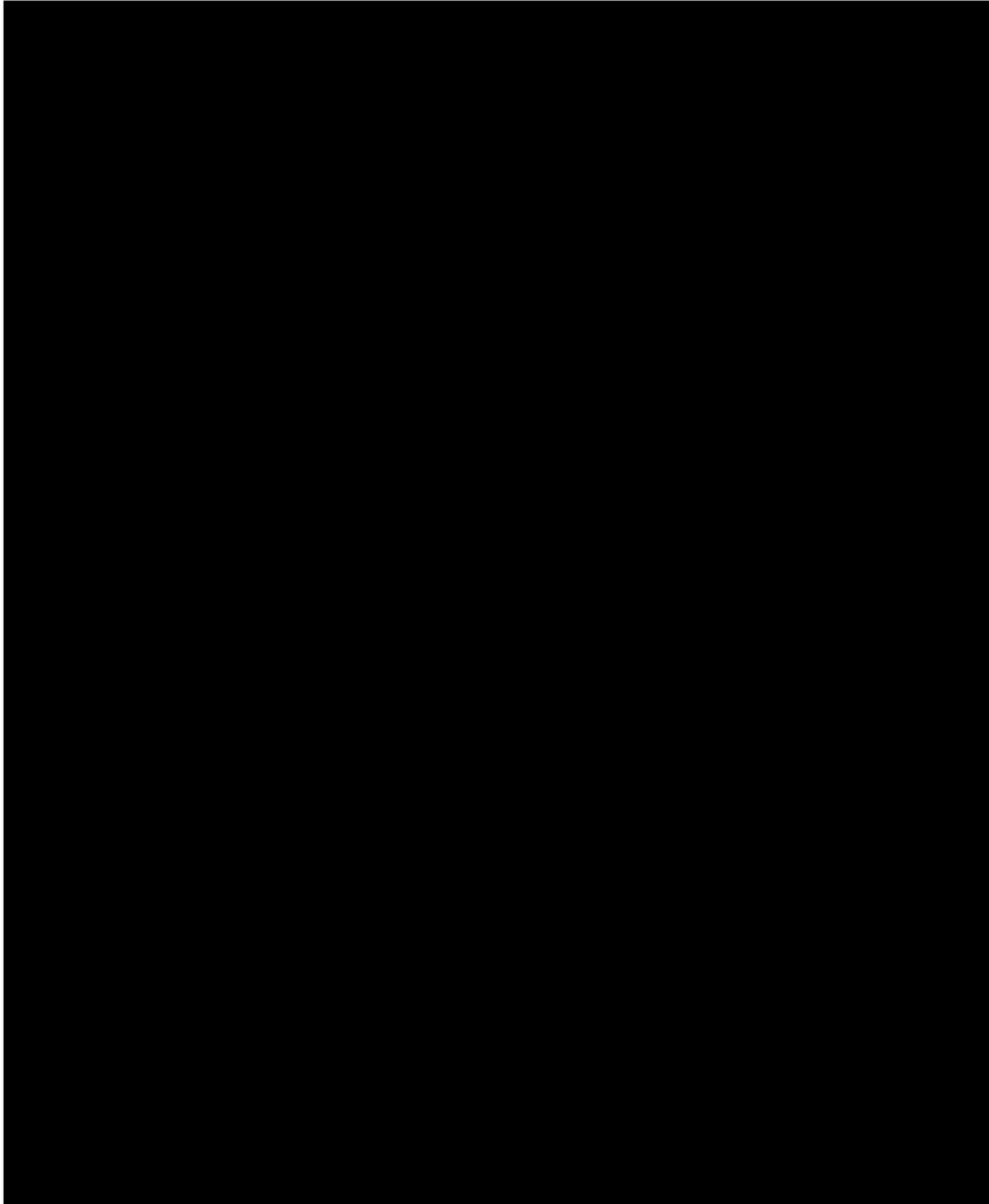
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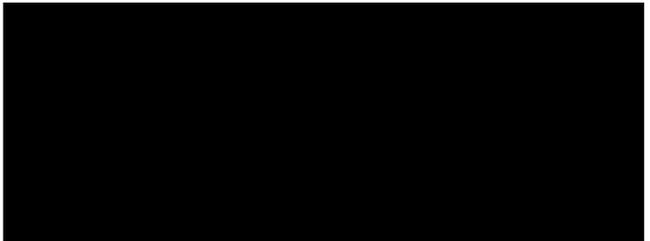
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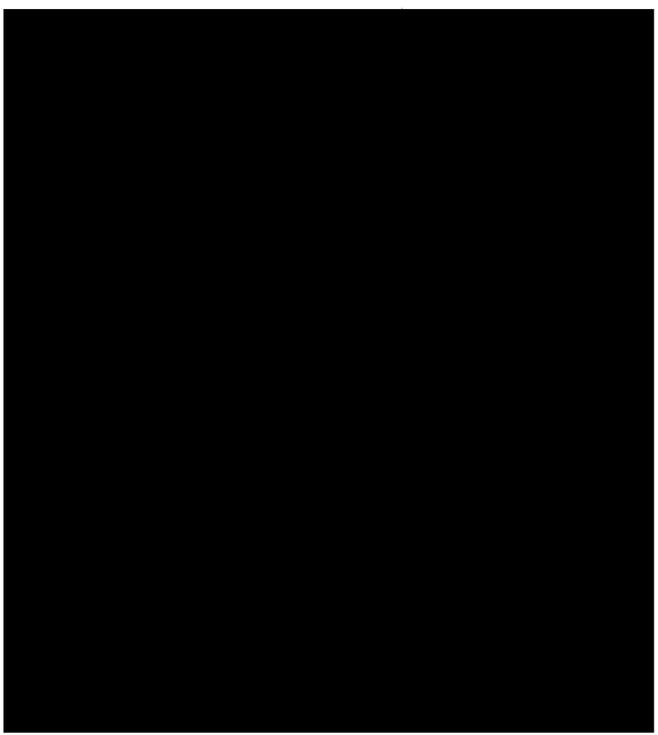


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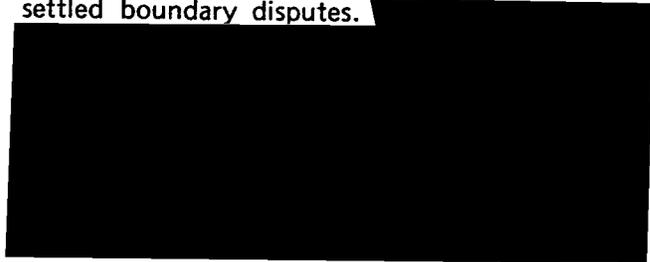
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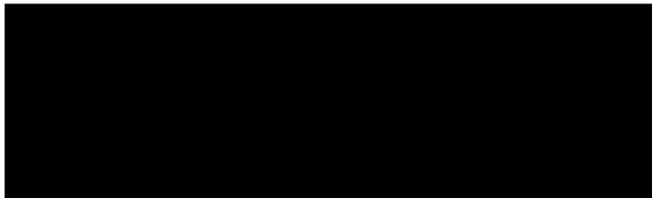


Incoming President Luis Echeverria's strong but realistic nationalism gives him a clear understanding of the overwhelming importance of the United States to Mexico, and he clearly intends this "special relationship" to be an asset rather than a problem. Echeverria considers his meeting with President Nixon this month a total success, and he believes that now that he has established a good personal friendship with the US President he can pursue Mexico's interests in bilateral affairs with full vigor.



Despite the number of problems he had with the US, outgoing President Diaz Ordaz leaves his successor a healthy legacy of achievement in the fence-mending field, particularly in the form of settled boundary disputes.





Although a number of constant vexations will continue to test US-Mexican friendship, increasingly constructive bilateral exchange looks hopeful. 

