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DIS 31 JULY 1968

COUNTRY: MEXICO

DOI: 31 JULY 1968

SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP

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SOURCE:

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS ON THE MORNING OF 31 JULY 1968, MEXICO CITY IS RETURNING TO A STATE OF NORMALCY AFTER FOUR DAYS OF STUDENT RIOTING. FEDERAL TROOPS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE SCENE AND RETURNED TO THEIR BARRACKS. THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW TROOPS APPARENTLY FOLLOWED A MEETING BETWEEN MEXICO CITY MAYOR, ALFONSO CORONA DEL ROSAL, AND JOSE CEBREROS MANJARREZ, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TECHNICAL STUDENTS, REPRESENTING STUDENTS FROM THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (IPN). CEBPEROS MANJARREZ REPORTEDLY REQUESTED THAT THE TROOPS BE WITHDRAWN AND THAT HE AND OTHER STUDENT LEADERS BE ALLOWED TO ATTEMPT TO RESTORE ORDER WITHOUT

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PRESSURE FROM GOVERNMENT FORCES.

2. A MASS MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT 1100 HOURS ON 31 JULY AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (UNAM). INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSAL TO SABOTAGE UNITED

STATES OFFICIAL INSTALLATIONS AND BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

[REDACTED] COMMENT; PLANS FOR THIS MEETING WERE ANNOUNCED IN THE MORNING PRESS. ITS PURPOSE, HOWEVER, IS SAID TO BE TO REGISTER A PROTEST FOR THE VIOLATION OF UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY. UNAM RECTOR, JAVIER BARROS SIERRA, WAS REPORTEDLY INVITED TO LEAD THE DEMONSTRATION).

3. AS OF 0900 HOURS, IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER STUDENT PLANS TO CONDUCT A MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION ON THE EVENING OF 31 JULY HAVE BEEN ABANDONED.

4. [REDACTED] DISSEM; STATE ARMY NAVY AIR FBI CINCSO

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