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DIST 1 AUGUST 1968

COUNTRY: MEXICO

DOI : 1 AUGUST 1968

SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP

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SOURCE :

1. A DECISION IS TO BE RENDERED AT 1300 HOURS ON 1 AUGUST 1968 AS TO WHETHER OR NOT AN OFFICIAL PERMIT WILL BE GRANTED FOR THE MASS DEMONSTRATION BY NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (UNAM) STUDENTS, LED BY THE UNIVERSITY RECTOR, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE LATER IN THE DAY. THIS DECISION WILL BE MADE BY MEXICO CITY MAYOR, ALFONSO CORONA DEL ROSAL.

2. THE UNAM STUDENT DEMONSTRATION IS NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 1700 HOURS ON 1 AUGUST. STUDENTS FROM THE VARIOUS

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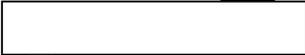
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SCHOOLS WILL ORGANIZE AT 1600 HOURS, LEAVE THE UNIVERSITY AT 1700 HOURS VIA UNIVERSITY AVENUE TO CALLE FELIX CUEVA, WHERE IT IS PLANNED TO PRONOUNCE STUDENT DEMANDS ONCE MORE, INCLUDING A DEMAND FOR AN IMMEDIATE AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT GUSTAVO DIAZ ORDAZ FOR THE RECTOR, A COMMITTEE OF PROFESSORS, AND POSSIBLY STUDENT OBSERVERS. MANY STUDENTS ARE TALKING OF MARCHING TO THE NATIONAL PALACE. THE MAJORITY, HOWEVER, HOPE TO CONTROL ANY ATTEMPTED ACTS OF VIOLENCE ON THE PART OF THE MARCHERS. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS OF UNAM ARE ALIGNED APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS:

- A) SUPPORTING THE RECTOR AND ADVOCATING PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION: ARCHITECTURE, CHEMISTRY, VETERINARY MEDICINE, COMMERCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, NURSING, MUSIC AND, OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE, DELEGATIONS FROM THE PREPARATORY SCHOOLS. THESE GROUPS WISH TO RID THE MOVEMENT OF PROVOCATEURS AND TO END VIOLENCE.
- B) OPPOSED TO THE RECTOR AND ADVOCATING VIOLENCE: POLITICAL SCIENCES, ECONOMY, PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS, AND A COMMUNIST FACTION OF THE LAW SCHOOL.
- C) COMPLETELY POLITICALLY APATHETIC: MEDICINE AND

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DENTISTRY.

AT A MEETING BEFORE FIFTEEN HUNDRED STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS ON 30 JULY, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST YOUTH OF MEXICO (JCM) DENIED RESPONSIBILITY FOR A WIDELY CIRCULATED LEAFLET ATTACKING NATIONAL AUTHORITY. AT ANOTHER MEETING, A PROFESSOR SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE UNAM TEACHING STAFF, STATING THAT THE PROFESSORS SUPPORTED THE DEMANDS OF THE STUDENTS FOR GUARANTEES AGAINST FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY, AND THAT IF THESE GUARANTEES WERE NOT FORTHCOMING FROM THE GOVERNMENT THEY ARE PREPARED TO RESIGN "EN MASS".

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION AT THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (IPN), THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TECHNICAL STUDENTS (FNET) HAS RECEIVED TELEGRAMS OF SUPPORT FROM POLYTECHNIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATES OF PUEBLA, VERACRUZ, GUANAJUATO, CHIAPAS, QUERETARO AND CHIHUAHUA. THESE SCHOOLS HAVE OFFERED TO DECLARE STUDENT STRIKES IF IPN DEMANDS ARE NOT MET BY MEXICO CITY AUTHORITIES BY 1800 HOURS ON 1 AUGUST.

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THESE ARE THE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DEMANDS, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF THE MEXICO CITY POLICE CHIEF AND THE ABOLITION OF THE RIOT POLICE).

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