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COUNTRY: MEXICO

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SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP

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SOURCE:

1. A "GENERAL ASSEMBLY" HAS BEEN CALLED FOR 1100 HOURS ON 3 AUGUST 1968 AT THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (IPN) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING A MARCH, TO BEGIN AT 1500 HOURS, TO THE MONUMENT TO THE REVOLUTION IN DOWNTOWN MEXICO CITY. NO PERMIT HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO CONDUCT THIS MARCH.

2. STUDENTS AT IPN ARE FURTHER AGITATED BECAUSE OF STUDENT ARRESTS WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THE NIGHT OF 1 AUGUST. SOME STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED DURING A DEMONSTRATION AT THE

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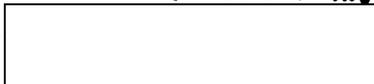


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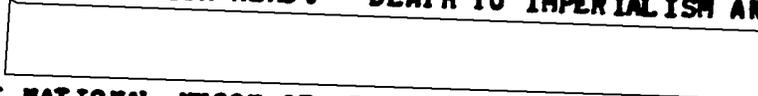
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MONUMENT TO THE REVOLUTION, AND OTHERS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOR THROWING ROCKS AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRI). THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TECHNICAL STUDENTS (FNTE) AT IPN IS TRYING TO REGAIN CONTROL OVER THE STUDENTS, AND IS ADVOCATING "CONTINUATION OF THE STRUGGLE" BY THE STUDENTS AND IS PRESSING FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO MEET STUDENT DEMANDS, INCLUDING THE DISMISSAL OF POLICE OFFICIALS. THE FNTE HAS RECEIVED TELEGRAMS OF SUPPORT FROM SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATES OF PUEBLA, GUANAJUATO, QUERETARO, VERACRUZ, MICHOACAN, CHIAPAS, TABASCO AND TAMAULIPAS.



3. THE FIRST TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT DURING THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS WAS OBSERVED ON THE EVENING OF 1 AUGUST DURING THE MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION BY STUDENTS AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (UNAM). AMONG THE BANNERS CARRIED BY STUDENTS WAS ONE WHICH READ: "DEATH TO IMPERIALISM AND TO THE YANKEES".



4. THE NATIONAL UNION OF REVOLUTIONARY STUDENTS (UNER) AT UNAM HAS PRODUCED A LEAFLET DIRECTED TO FACTORY WORKERS, CALLING FOR A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR GENERAL STRIKE TO PROTEST



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AGAINST MILITARY INTERVENTION IN THE SCHOOLS. THE LEAFLET ALSO INVITES M.L DELEGATES OF FIGHT COMMITTEES (COMITES DE LUCHA), REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS AND WORKERS TO ATTEND A MEETING AT 1900 HOURS ON 3 AUGUST AT THE UNAM SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS TO PLAN FUTURE ACTION.

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COMMENT: UNLESS THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERIM, THE NEXT MEXICO CITY SITUATION REPORT WILL BE ISSUED AT 1200 HOURS ON 3 AUGUST).

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