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10 AUGUST 1968

COUNTRY: MEXICO

DOI: 9 AUGUST 1968

SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP

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1. THE MASSIVE STUDENT DEMONSTRATION WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY PLANNED IN MEXICO CITY FOR 9 AUGUST 1968 HAS NOT MATERIALIZED, AND IT IS THE CONSENSUS OF REPORTING SOURCES THAT NO SUCH DEMONSTRATION IS LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE UNTIL MONDAY, 12 AUGUST, AT THE EARLIEST. THE MOST LIKELY DATE NOW APPEARS TO BE TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST.

2. AT A MEETING DURING THE MORNING OF 9 AUGUST, UNIVERSITY (UNAM) PROFESSORS AGREED TO JOIN PROFESSORS FROM THE NATIONAL

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POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (IPN) IN LEADING A DEMONSTRATION ON 13 AUGUST . THEY INTEND TO SEEK A PERMIT FROM CITY AUTHORITIES TO HOLD THIS DEMONSTRATION. UNAM PROFESSORS HAVE BEEN ASSISTING STUDENTS IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE DEMONSTRATION, DONATING MONEY, ASSISTING IN FUND-RAISING PLANS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING SUPPORT . STUDENT BRIGADES HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED TO VISIT SECONDARY AND NORMAL SCHOOLS TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT, AND OTHER BRIGADES HAVE BEEN VISITING FACTORIES IN MEXICO CITY. THUS FAR THE STUDENTS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING PLEDGES OF MORAL SUPPORT FROM WORKERS.

3. AT A MEETING AT UNAM ON THE EVENING OF 8 AUGUST, ATTENDED BY THREE THOUSAND STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS, IT WAS AGREED THAT CLASSES AT EIGHT OF THE UNAM SCHOOLS AND AT THREE PREPARATORY SCHOOLS WOULD BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT MEETS ALL STUDENT DEMANDS, AND ALSO THAT THERE SHOULD BE A BOYCOTT OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES AND A NATION-WIDE STUDENT STRIKE

IF THESE DEMANDS ARE NOT MET. STUDENTS AT IPN ARE ATTEMPTING TO GATHER EVIDENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DISPOSED OF BODIES OF STUDENTS KILLED

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DURING THE RECENT RIOTS. SOME STUDENTS ARE CLAIMING THAT THE BODIES OF STUDENTS WERE CREMATED AT THE MILITARY HOSPITAL.

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4. STUDENTS AT IPW HAVE PICKED UP AND ARE EMBELLISHING STORIES BY LEFTIST WRITERS WHICH ARE APPEARING IN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES CHARGING THAT THE U. S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY PROVOKED THE RECENT RIOTS. STORIES ARE CIRCULATING THAT UNITED STATES' COMPANIES, ALONG WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO REVOLT, THAT THEY HAVE PROVIDED ARMS AND EVEN HALLUCINATORY DRUGS TO CHILDREN. THERE ARE RUMORS AT IPW TO THE EFFECT THAT A LARGE DEMONSTRATION WILL BE HELD TO DEMAND AN INVESTIGATION OF U.S. INTERVENTION.

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(PORTION MISSING)

GOVERNMENT IS AWARE THAT THERE ARE DIVISIONS AMONG THE VARIOUS STUDENT FACTIONS, AND IT IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CREATING FURTHER DIVISION SO THAT NO REALLY UNIFIED LEADERSHIP GROUP

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EMERGES. THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THERE IS NO POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE STUDENTS, AND IS HOPING THAT, AS IN THE PAST, WHEN THE STUDENTS DISCOVER THAT SUCH SUPPORT IS LACKING, THEY WILL ABANDON THE STRUGGLE. CHARGES THAT THE BODIES OF STUDENTS HAVE BEEN CREMATED AT THE MILITARY HOSPITAL ARE NOT TRUE; THERE IS NO CREMATORIUM AT THE MILITARY HOSPITAL. TO DATE, NOT ONE SPECIFIC PARENT HAS FILED A PROTEST OR HAS COMPLAINED ABOUT A STUDENT KILLED OR UNACCOUNTED FOR AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT RIOTS.

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THE AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL GAME SCHEDULED FOR 11 AUGUST THAT HE DECIDED TO CANCEL THE EVENT. KNOWN COMMUNIST AGIATORS HAD PURCHASED TICKETS FOR THE GAME, AND OTHER AGIATORS WERE GIVEN MONEY BY COMMUNISTS TO BUY THEIR TICKETS. SOME OF THE LATTER GENERALLY DO NOT HAVE (PORTION MISSING) THESE AGITATORS AND THEIR " HIRET HANDS" INTENDED TO CAUSE DISTURBANCES, TO START FIGHTS, TO THROW ROCKS AND GENERALLY

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