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KUGOWN Operations

Pro-Guatemala Student Manifestation

REFERENCES:

- a. [] 3, 15 June 1954
- b. [] 17 June 1954
- c. [] 18 June 1954.

1. As reported in references, a student manifestation in support of the Arbenz government was held in Mexico City during the morning of 16 June. The demonstration formed at the Monumento de la Revolucion (near the American Embassy), marched to the Palacio Nacional, returned to the Monumento plaza, and finally proceeded to the American Embassy, where it dispersed. When the march started the group numbered over five hundred; when it broke up (under the watchful eyes of police guarding the Embassy) it had dwindled to its hard core — about twenty.

2. The demonstration, while noisy and of several hours duration, must have been a disappointment to its sponsors. Although the demonstrators made their presence known (and received considerable press coverage), it was immediately apparent (even to the newspapers) that the demonstration was typically Communist — a few agitators surrounded by a steadily dwindling group of small boys, trouble-makers, and more-or-less interested onlookers. Press coverage was deprecatory, and the two RNSHIELD articles, coupled with the [] announcement (clippings mailed to both Headquarters and LINCOLN), helped to negate the manifestation's effectiveness.

3. We enclose a set of photographs of the demonstration supplied by [] which graphically reveal the points made above. At this writing only one set is available and is being sent to Headquarters — additional sets are being secured, and will be sent to LINCOLN upon receipt.

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Attach. - 12 photos.

cc: 3 - Wash. (w/att.)

2 - Linc. (w/o att.)

1 - Files

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