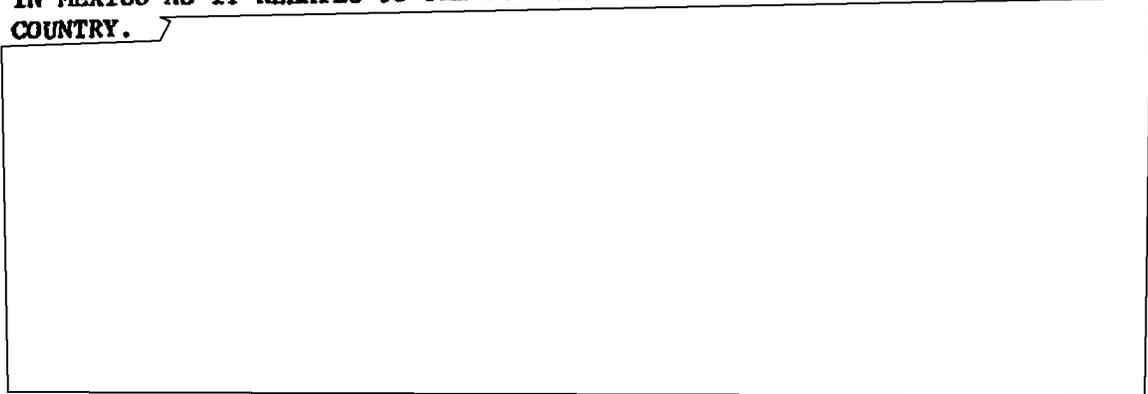


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**EVALUATION OF THE SECURITY SITUATION  
IN MEXICO AS IT RELATES TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SHAH SETTLING IN THAT  
COUNTRY.**



1. IN THE EVENT THAT THE SHAH SETTLES IN MEXICO, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT HE WOULD FACE MUCH OF A SECURITY THREAT FROM INTERNAL MEXICAN POLITICAL GROUPS OR INTERESTS. THE SHAH'S REPUTATION IN MEXICO IS NOT VERY HIGH, BUT CRITICISM OF HIS FORMER REGIME HAS BEEN TEMPERED BY THE EXCESSES COMMITTED BY HIS SUCCESSOR. THE RECENT SUMMARY TRIALS AND EXECUTIONS IN IRAN HAVE BEEN WELL PUBLICIZED IN MEXICO. MEXICO NEVER HAD ANY STRONG POLITICAL TIES TO THE SHAH AND IS NOT LIKELY TO DEVELOP ANY WITH WHATEVER REGIME EVOLVES IN IRAN. MEXICO IS BECOMING A MAJOR OIL PRODUCER AND EXPORTER AND, IN A SENSE, THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE COMPETITORS ON THE WORLD OIL MARKET.

2. MEXICO ALSO HAS A STRONG AND INFLUENTIAL JEWISH COMMUNITY. THE RELATIONS BETWEEN MEXICO AND ISRAEL ARE CLOSE BUT NOT PUBLICIZED. AFTER ISRAEL WAS DENIED ACCESS TO IRANIAN OIL, MEXICO MADE AVAILABLE AN UNPUBLICIZED SPECIAL OIL ALLOTMENT TO HELP FILL THE GAP.

3. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO THE SHAH FROM THE LEFT IN MEXICO WOULD COME FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH GENERALLY FOLLOWS THE SOVIET LEAD IN WORLD AFFAIRS. TO WHAT DEGREE THE SOVIETS WOULD BE INCLINED TO MANIPULATE

OPPOSITION TO THE SHAH IN MEXICO IS NOT KNOWN. BUT AGAIN, THE SOVIETS HAVE IMPORTANT EQUITIES IN MEXICO AND WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO INSTIGATE ANY TYPE OF ACTIVITY WHICH COULD, IN ANY SENSE, COMPROMISE THESE INTERESTS. FURTHER, MEXICO HAS RECENTLY ENACTED A POLITICAL REFORM WHICH WOULD PROVIDE POLITICAL RECOGNITION AS WELL AS PARLIAMENTARY PARTICIPATION FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND OTHER LEFTIST GROUPS. IT IS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT THE LEFT WOULD UNDERTAKE ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE THEIR FIRST CHANCE AT LEGITIMACY IN MANY A DECADE.

4. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT A VERY MINOR THREAT WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY EXTREMIST GROUPS SUCH AS THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER COMMUNIST LEAGUE AND THE UNION DEL PUEBLO. BUT BOTH OF THESE GROUPS ARE SMALL AND HAVE BEEN SEVERELY DECIMATED BY THE SECURITY FORCES. FURTHER, BOTH OF THESE GROUPS ARE "NATIONALIST" AND HAVE NO KNOWN TIES WITH ANY FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS. THE LATEST SECURITY ASSESSMENT FOR MEXICO WHICH COVERS THESE GROUPS WAS WRITTEN JUST PRIOR TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT IN FEBRUARY AND IS STILL CURRENT. [REDACTED]

5. MEXICO HAS MORE THAN ADEQUATE SECURITY FORCES TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL PROTECTION AND INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT. THE FEDERAL SECURITY DIRECTORATE (DFS - DIRECCION FEDERAL DE SEGURIDAD) WOULD PROBABLY PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR THE SHAH. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GUERRERO WHERE ACAPULCO IS LOCATED IS RUBEN FIGUEROA FIGUEROA, WHO IS JUST AS [REDACTED] AS OTHER MEXICAN OFFICIALS. GOVERNOR FIGUEROA IS IN GOOD GRACES WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND IS ALSO A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE DFS CHIEF.

6. [REDACTED] SUGGEST THAT ONE OF THE SHAH'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACT HIM DIRECTLY IN THIS MATTER. [REDACTED] WOULD ALSO SUGGEST [REDACTED] BECAUSE OF HIS VERY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENT, BUT [REDACTED] IS VERY DIFFICULT TO LOCATE AND THERE IS NO READY BASIS ON WHICH TO APPROACH HIM. [REDACTED] ALSO HAS ACCESS TO THE PRESIDENT WHEN

NECESSARY AND COULD EITHER CONTACT THE PRESIDENT PERSONALLY  
OR ELSE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

8. MEXICO IS IN FORM A CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY BUT THE OFFICE OF  
THE PRESIDENT EXERCISES DICTATORIAL POWERS. THE DEGREE  
TO WHICH THE LEFT WOULD BE ALLOWED TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE  
SHAH'S PRESENCE WOULD DEPEND ON THE ATTITUDE AND WILLINGNESS  
OF THE PRESIDENT TO CONTROL THE SITUATION. [REDACTED] CANNOT  
EVALUATE ANY POTENTIAL THREAT AGAINST THE SHAH FROM ENEMIES OF  
HIS FORMER REGIME OR OTHER OUTSIDE INTERESTS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOWEVER, IF THE  
MEXICAN GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO ALLOW THE SHAH TO SETTLE IN  
MEXICO, THEN IT CAN BE EXPECTED TO DEDICATE ADEQUATE RESOURCES  
TO ASSURE HIS PERSONAL SECURITY.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]