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COUNTRY: MEXICO
SUBJECT: VIEWS [redacted] THAT THE MEETINGS
BETWEEN PRESIDENT JOSE LOPEZ-PORTILLO AND U.S. PRESIDENT
JIMMY CARTER WERE A SUCCESS [redacted]

[redacted]

1. [redacted] AGREEMENT THAT THE
RECENT MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENT JOSE LOPEZ-PORTILLO
AND U.S. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER WERE A SUCCESS. [redacted]

[redacted] THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MEXICO ARE BEING
WELL-DIRECTED AND DEFINITE PROGRESS ON KEY ISSUES (UNDOCUMENTED
WORKERS, BORDER PROBLEMS, THE SALE OF MEXICAN NATURAL GAS TO THE
U.S.... ETC.) WILL BE MADE DURING THE UPCOMING SUMMER MEETING
BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES. [redacted]

[redacted] GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE
PROBLEMS BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE U.S., IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE
TO REACH SET AGREEMENTS DURING THE TWO-DAY TIME SPAN OF THE

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CARTER VISIT, WHICH INVOLVED ONLY A FEW HOURS OF ACTUAL TALKS.

[REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH THE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS WERE VERY CORDIAL, THERE WERE NO VISIBLE SIGNS OF OVER-FRIENDLINESS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE TWO PRESIDENTS REALIZED THAT THEIR MISSION WAS TO DISCUSS KEY ISSUES EXISTING BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND NOT JUST TO ENGAGE IN FRIENDLY, MEANINGLESS TALKS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESIDENT CARTER DID NOT CANCEL HIS VISIT TO MEXICO AT THE LAST MINUTE, GIVEN THE FACT THAT PROBLEMS OF CRISIS PROPORTIONS- THE TAKEOVER OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN IRAN AND THE KILLING OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN- HAD ARISEN JUST HOURS BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR MEXICO.

3. [REDACTED] THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM FACING THE TWO COUNTRIES IS THE UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS ISSUE, WHICH IS VIEWED IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LIGHT BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS. [REDACTED] PRESIDENT CARTER'S FAIR REMARKS ON THIS CONTROVERSY AND THE FACT THAT HE CHOSE TO MAKE HIS STATEMENTS TO THE MEXICAN CONGRESS IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE. [REDACTED] THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO CARRY OUT CONTINUED TALKS AND A JOINT STUDY ON THE UNDOCUMENTED WORKER PROBLEM DEMONSTRATES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS SINCERELY INTERESTED IN REACHING A REAL UNDERSTANDING WITH MEXICO ON THIS

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4. IN SPITE OF REMARKS HEARD IN LEFTIST AND OTHER CIRCLES
OPPOSING THE CARTER VISIT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ-PORTILLO AND PRESIDENT
CARTER ARE CONDUCTING JOINT NEGOTIATIONS IN A MANNER WHICH WILL
DERIVE POSITIVE BENEFITS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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