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SUBJECT: A POLITICIAN'S REACTION TO THE STUDENT CRISIS

ACR : MEXICO, MEXICO CITY (12 SEPTEMBER 1968)

FIELD REPORT NO. HMN-11,848

SOURCE :

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1. [Redacted] COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING REPORT PRESENTS THE REACTION OF A SENIOR MEXICAN CITIZEN TO THE CURRENT WAVE OF STUDENT VIOLENCE IN MEXICO CITY. IT IS NOT KNOWN TO WHAT EXTENT THIS SOURCE'S REACTION REFLECTS THE SENTIMENT OF THE AVERAGE MEXICAN, BUT IT IS TYPICAL OF AN ATTITUDE THAT HAS BEEN EXPRESSED OFTEN.

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IN RECENT WEEKS BY MANY PERSONS IN THE UPPER AND MIDDLE CLASSES. THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT WAS ACQUIRED PRIOR TO THE OCCUPATION OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY BY THE ARMY.)

2. THE CURRENT WAVE OF STUDENT UNREST IS A MANIFESTATION OF A MUCH DEEPER AND WIDESPREAD PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT'S DISHONESTY. PUBLISHED DEMANDS OF THE STUDENTS ARE NOT ACTUALLY EXPRESSING THE TRUE NEEDS OF THE MOMENT. THE PEOPLE HAVE LOST CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS LEADERS. THE UNSPOKEN DEMAND IS FOR A MORE HONEST, MORE REPRESENTATIVE AND MORE RESPONSIVE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO IS DISHONEST FROM TOP TO BOTTOM; THE PRESIDENT'S OWN SON-IN-LAW, FOR EXAMPLE, IS CLOSELY TIED INTO SOME OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS "MORDIDA" (GRAFT) DEALS IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT. DIAZ ORDAZ HAS DONE VERY LITTLE FOR THE PEOPLE, AND HAS PERMITTED CORRUPTION TO GROW TO THE POINT WHERE MAYOR ALFONSO CORONA DEL ROSAL IS TOO INTERESTED IN HIS PERSONAL CUT FROM THE SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO BOTHER TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO CLEAN UP THE EXCAVATION AREAS FOR THE OLYMPICS.

3. THE GOVERNMENT'S CLAIM THAT THE STUDENT UNREST IS THE WORK OF COMMUNIST AGITATORS IS A RED HERRING. THE UNREST IS

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PROBABLY BEING EXPLOITED BY THE LEFT, BUT THE DEEPER ISSUES WILL REMAIN. THE LEFTIST MANIFESTATION OF THE STUDENTS IS NO WORSE MORALLY THAN THE GOVERNMENT'S USE OF THE UNIVERSITY MOVEMENT OF MODERN REFORM (MURO) AS GOON SQUADS ON THE UNAM CAMPUS.

4. COMMENT:

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REASON THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAS NOT ACTED NOR OPENLY SPOKEN OUT ON THIS NEED NOR IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDENTS IS THAT TOO MANY ARE TIED INTO THE EXISTING PATRONAGE SYSTEM, AND THEY FEEL THAT THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES UNLESS THEY HAVE A SURE-FIRE CHANCE OF CHANGING THINGS. THE GOVERNMENT COULD PROBABLY CONTAIN THE CURRENT WAVE OF STUDENT DISTURBANCES, BUT THE GENERAL MALAISE WILL GROW RATHER THAN ABATE, AND THAT THE CRITICAL PERIOD WILL ARISE DURING THE 1970 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.)

5. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR FBI C/CSO CINCLANT.

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