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Subject: General Officers in Disfavor With Secretary of Defense

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2. (N) NO FOREIGN DISSENM The most important of these orders concerned the events at the Plaza of the Three Cultures on 2 October 1968 during the student disorders. General García Barragan had instructed Ballesteros to send troops to surround the Plaza of the Three Cultures, and to observe what was going on and prevent student demonstrations from spreading to other parts of the city. Categorically stated that the Parachute Battalion's advance into the Plaza which resulted in a violent confrontation with the students was not part of the planned military activity. Stated that General García Barragan could not judge at the time whether General Ballesteros had misinterpreted the orders of changed them deliberately; however, subsequent events convinced García Barragan that both Generals Ballesteros and Gutierrez were bypassing his office and had in fact deliberately changed his orders.

COMMENTS: (N) NO FOREIGN DISSEM It is difficult to assess the validity of the allegations made in the above report. General Gutierrez is normally positioned directly behind the President at all official functions. During the Army Day breakfast, 19 February 1969, a young Mexican Army captain stood directly behind the President while Gutierrez sat at a table. Additionally, General Ballesteros has been transferred to Canada as military attaché to the Mexican Embassy there.