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1. Continuing and relatively high level disorders in Mexico create requirements for more frequent Embassy assessments of situation as Olympics approach. SITREPS with whatever analytical comment possible should be submitted priority daily as of 1800 local time until further notice.

2. Basis reporting to date, Dept concludes GOM virtually committed to forceful showdown with student militants. Compromise GOM solution with students becoming increasingly difficult, partly because position Barros Sierra, partly because student leadership fragmenting with extremists increasing their influence.

3. Dept needs additional information on student leadership, recent and emerging. Mexico 7654 reported Strike Committee (CNH) losing degree of control it exercised over demonstrations prior to September 18 intervention at UNAM. If this trend confirmed by subsequent events, what groups now organizing
leading demonstrations and clashes with police? Are various groups coordinating their activities or are they acting independently? If latter is case, what are prospects for continuing high level violence and for resumption dialogue with GOM? Is idea 72 hour truce mentioned HMM 11,838 still alive?

4. Request closer focus on implications disorders for Olympics. Dept receiving growing number public inquiries on this aspect and anticipates press requests for Dept's views. What are Embassy's current estimates GOM capability prevent extremist disruption Olympic Village, sports events, other Olympic facilities? Any indications attempts to rally Olympic athletes participate in or endorse protests? What is current assessment GOM capability and resolve to reduce student violence to minimum prior to Olympics? What is impact of disorders on other country participation in Olympics?

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