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1. Embassy requested provide at its early convenience assessment of foreign influence on student disorders. Include comment on specific intelligence reports assistance to students by foreign-supported extremist groups as well as general public statements by Campos Lemos, Cardenas, and Minister Government. Re latter, we note Echeverria has made directly contradictory statements on foreign involvement.

2. Other items on which further reporting desired are run-down on demonstrations and strikes in provincial capitals, current status report on/hospital strike, and Country Team best judgment on number casualties in October 2 violence. Department does not wish to engage in body count numbers game, but extreme range casualty reports makes generally agreed figure helpful.

3. Request comment on reports disseminated by FBI October 4 in October 2 incidents.

One report attributed outbreak to
confusion between army and security agents, other implicated Trotskyist terrorist group, Olympia Brigade, which not previously identified.

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