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SITREP SEPTEMBER 27, 1968

JOINT EMB/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. IN STATEMENT OF EVENING SEPTEMBER 26, UNAM RECTOR BARROS SIERRA ANNOUNCED HE WAS REVOKING HIS "IRREVOCABLE RESIGNATION." IN ANSWER TO PRESS QUESTIONS HE SAID HE WOULD SOON ASK FOR REMOVAL OF ARMY TROOPS FROM UNAM AND FOR ADJUSTMENT IN SCHOOL CALENDAR. PRESS REPORTS FAVORABLE REACTION TO RECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT, EVEN BY PROMINENT DEPUTIES WHO HAD RECENTLY ATTACKED RECTOR. RECTOR SAID HE HAD MET WITH SOME MEMBERS OF STUDENT "STRUGGLE COMMITTEES" AND HAD RECEIVED THEIR SUPPORT FOR RETURN TO CLASSES AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.

2. ALMOST COMPLETE CALM IN CITY WITH ONLY VERY MINDR AND ISOLATED ACTS OF VIOLENCE. SOME SMALL SCHOOL MEETINGS TOOK PLACE SEPT. 26 BUT SOURCE IN DEPT OF FEDERAL SECURITY SAID CNH MEETING CALLED FOR 1700 HOURS TODAY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

3. EMBASSY SOURCES REPORT AUTHORITIES CAPTURED CNH TREASURER, IN POSSESSION AT TIME OF THOUSANDS OF PESOS AND CHECK BOOKS UNDER FALSE NAMES.

4. FONSEC CARRILLO FLORES IN PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 26

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DECLARED MEXICO WILL TELL GA IT WILL HONOR PROMISE TO CARRY OUT OLYMPIC GAMES WORTHILY.

5. ACCORDING TO EL HERALDO, DAMAGE ESTIMATE CAUSED BY STUDENT UNREST SINCE LATE JULY TOTALS MORE THAN 100 MILLION PESOS, 70 PERCENT DIRECTLY, REMAINDER FROM BUSINESS LOSSES.

6. PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF MEXICO CITY STUDENTS HELD IN SEVERAL PROVINCIAL CITIES, SPEAKERS IN MONTERREY RALLY MAKING POINT THAT STUDENTS HAVE NO DESIRE TO SPOIL OLYMPICS. FREEMAN

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