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SUBJECT: STUDENT DISTURBANCES - MEXICO

REF: MEXICO 6206 AND 6207

1. FOLLOWING RIOTS JULY 26 IN CENTER MEXICO CITY REPORTED REFTELS, THERE WERE RELATIVELY MILD ACTIVITIES ON PART CERTAIN STUDENT AND NON-STUDENT AGITATORS JULY 27. THERE WERE STUDENT MEETINGS, FUND RAISING CAMPAIGNS, AND FUTURE PLANNING. SEVERAL BUSES AND TRUCKS WERE CAPTURED BY STUDENT ELEMENTS BUT MOST WERE RELEASED BY AFTERNOON. PRACTICALLY NO VIOLENCE.

2. NUMBER OF AGITATORS ARRESTED VARIES BUT BELIEVED BETWEEN 62 AND 78. AMONG THEM ARE GERARDO UNZUETA LORENZANA, FIRST SECRETARY OF MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCM); ARTURO ORTIZ MARBAN, PRESIDENT OF COMMUNIST YOUTH OF MEXICO AND PROMINENT LEFTISTS ARTURO SAMA ESCALANTE, FELIX GODOY ANDREU, AND CESAR NAVARETTE. OTHER NAMED ARE: CESAR RAMIREZ GONZALEZ, MARGARITA TOPETE, ENRIQUE MORALES JIMENEZ PLUS THE FIVE REPORTED MEXICO'S 6207. TWO AMERICANS AMONG THOSE DETAINED WERE: WILLIAM ROSADO ALIAS WILFREDO OR ALEJANDRO PEREZ (PUERTO RICAN) AND MIKA SATTER SEEGER 20 YEAR OLD STUDENT AND FRIEND OF ROSADO.

3. THERE IS NO OFFICIAL ESTIMATE AS YET OF WIDE PROPERTY

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DAMAGE RESULTING FROM JULY 26 VIOLENCE. SOME OWNERS
HESITATING TO REPORT FOR FEAR OF REPRISALS.

4. STUDENT GROUPS NOW LAYING PLANS FOR FUTURE. STUDENTS OF
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS OF NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND THREE
SECTIONS OF THE NATIONAL PREPARATORY SCHOOL OF THE NATIONAL
UNIVERSITY MET JULY 27, PROTESTED POLICE OPPRESSION, AND SOUGHT
ADHERENCE OF PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS. THEY ALSO REPORTEDLY
REPUDIATED FALSE STUDENTS AND AGITATORS WHO PARTICIPATE IN
DISORDERS AND COMMIT CRIMES. FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS ARE PLANNED
WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

5. TROTSKYITES WERE ACTIVE IN CURRENT AGITATION AND ONE
REPORT STATES THEY WERE INITIATORS OF JULY 26 RIOTS BY
THROWING STONES AT POLICE AND THEN TELLING STUDENTS THIS
WAS DONE BY POLICE.

6. POLICE PUBLIC POSITION REGARDING DISTURBANCES IS THEY WERE
INSTIGATED BY LEFTIST AGITATORS FOR PURPOSE CREATING
ATMOSPHERE UNREST. EMBASSY CONCURS IN THIS GENERAL ESTIMATE
AND WILL BE ANALYZING SITUATION IN FURTHER DEPTH AS
INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE. FREEMAN