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COUNTRY: MEXICO

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SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP

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SOURCE:

1. SMALL GROUPS OF STUDENTS CONTINUE TO ROAM VARIOUS PARTS OF MEXICO CITY, HOLDING FLASH MEETINGS, PAINTING BUSES AND COLLECTING MONEY. SEVERAL MEETINGS WERE HELD IN MARKETS ON 10 OCTOBER; BRIEF SPEECHES WERE DELIVERED AND HANDBILLS WERE DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF POLICEMEN WHO DID NOTHING TO INTERVENE.

2. MANY UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE STILL INSISTING THAT SOME ACTIVITY SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE OLYMPIC EVENTS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE MANY FOREIGN VISITORS THE STUDENT DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PRESENT MEXICAN ADMINISTRATION. STUDENTS ARE WELL AWARE THAT EXTREME SECURITY MEASURES WILL BE IN EFFECT,

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PARTICULARLY DURING THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY ON 12 OCTOBER WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT GUSTAVO DIAZ ORDAZ, AND THAT THEIR EFFORTS TO CREATE DISTURBANCES WOULD PROBABLY BE RESTRICTED TO THE SHOUTING OF CAT-CALLS AND BOOS DURING THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

THE GOV-
ERNMENT HAS DISTRIBUTED THOUSANDS OF FREE TICKETS TO THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY TO PERSONS KNOWN TO BE LOYAL TO THE REGIME TO INSURE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WILL BE APPLAUDED, AND TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS.

3. THE ACCUSATIONS OF STUDENT SOCRADES AMADO CAMPOS LEMUS AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT AMPLIFICATION BY ELENA GARRO DE PAZ ARE BEING INTERPRETED BY MEXICAN INTELLECTUALS AS MOVES ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT TO THREATEN AND FRIGHTEN PERSONS OF STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY IT THINKS ARE IN EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION TO IT. ELENA GARRO'S DESCRIPTION OF THE INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY AS LEFT-LEANING AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT, AND THE REGIME'S STATEMENT THAT HER ACCUSATIONS WILL BE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED UP, HAVE LED MANY INTELLECTUALS TO CONCLUDE THAT WRITERS, TEACHERS, PAINTERS MAY BE SUBJECTED TO GOVERNMENT WITCH HUNTING JUST AS SOON AS THE OLYMPICS ARE FINISHED AND THE GOVERNMENT IS ABLE TO DEAL WITH

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DISSIDENT ELEMENTS OUT OF THE GLARE OF THE WORLD PRESS. AS A
 RESULT , SOME OF MEXICO'S MOST PROMINENT ARTISTS AND WRITERS
 ARE SENDING OUT FEELERS FOR JOBS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. IF GOV-
 ERNMENT PRESSURE ON THE INTELLECTUALS CONTINUES OR IS STEPPED
 UP AFTER THE OLYMPICS, A FLIGHT OF SUCH PERSONS CAN BE EXPECTED.
 THE SITUATION IN THIS REGARD IS SIMILAR TO THE NERVOUSNESS TO
 BE OBSERVED IN THE MONEY MARKET; BRAINS AND MONEY PREPARED TO
 FIND MORE CONGENIAL SURROUNDINGS IF THE SITUATION WARRANTS.

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