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SUBJECT: Communist Activity Related to Forthcoming Visit by President Kennedy

This is the first of what may become a series of reports to the Department over the coming weeks, transmitted telegraphically if necessary, on communist and pro-communist activity in Mexico in connection with the forthcoming (June 29-July 1) State visit of President Kennedy to this country.

As the Department is aware, Mexican agitators and leftists are particularly addicted to the use of inflammatory handbills and posters. While these should not, of course, be disregarded, the reporting officer is of the opinion that handbills and circulars uncovered to date should not be a source of undue concern.

A cheaply-produced, mimeographed leaflet entitled Rebellion has been circulated in Monterrey and in the poorer sections of Mexico City. Two issues have appeared, both attacking President Lopez Mateos and his administration for not doing anything for the laborer and the campesino (rural worker), and going on to denounce the coming visit of President Kennedy as a maneuver to bolster the Lopez Mateos Government. Other short paragraphs: (a) call on Mexican workers to force a postponement of the visit until the United States has reimbursed Mexicali residents for damages caused by Colorado River salinity; (b) advocate the adoption of patriotic Mexicans for tactics used against former Vice President Nixon in Caracas; (c) urge campesinos to acquire shotguns for future use; and (d) describe how to make a "Molotov cocktail". (NOTE: Source of these Rebellion leaflets has not been determined, but it is rumored that they are the creation of Braulio MALDONADO, reportedly a Communist, ex-political figure of some prominence, a henchman of Lazaro CARDENAS, and one of the top officers of the anti-U.S., pro-Castro MLN (National

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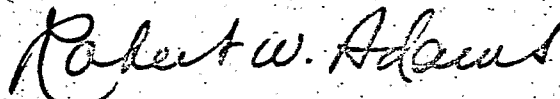
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In Torreon, Coahuila, small handbills were pasted on walls and posts on several streets, reading "Socialist Cuba, Yes -- Yankee Salt Water, No!" and "Kennedy-Keep Out of Mexico". (Local Government authorities removed these posters in short order.)

In Monterrey, a public meeting of the MLN was held on May 27. It was attended by an estimated 300 people. One speaker attacked the President's visit because of his "conduct regarding Cuba". The speech was heavily applauded, but no resolution was adopted in relation to the President's visit.

With respect to security measures, the Embassy, which is already in touch with the appropriate Mexican agencies, has learned that a number of known trouble-makers and Communist agitators are to be rounded up by the police prior to the President's arrival and detained for the duration of the visit. We have also learned through other sources that even in Monterrey, and in the States of Chihuahua and Tamaulipas, police have been instructed to locate some 20 people who are said to be regarded as possible security risks in connection with the President's visit. These instructions are also reported to alert police in those areas to follow closely the movements of MLN members.

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