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EMBASSY HAD CONFIRMATION OF DESIRE CUAUTHEMOC CARDENAS OBTAIN MEXICALI POST THROUGH STATEMENTS MADE PRIVATELY TO FRIENDS BY FATHER LAZARO CARDENAS. WORD SENT BY EMBASSY TO PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ON AUGUST 3 ALONG LINES APPROVED BY DEPT IN REFTEL. TIMING WAS GOOD SINCE MEXICALI MAYORALTY ELECTIONS AUGUST 5 AND PROBLEMS POSED FOR PRI BY COMMUNIST AND MLN BACKED CANDIDATES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO LOPEZ MATEOS.

EMBASSY WAS TOLD AUGUST 6 THAT LOPEZ MATEOS HAD BEEN INFORMED AND HAD EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SURPRISE AT NEWS OF CARDENAS PLANS. LOPEZ MATEOS THEN ARRANGED FOR LAZARO CARDENAS, BRIEFLY IN MEXICO CITY, TO COME SEE HIM AUGUST 7. WE HAVE NOW LEARNED THAT AS RESULT LOPEZ MATEOS CONVERSATION WITH CARDENAS IT IS NOW DEFINITELY AGREED THAT CUAUTHEMOC WILL WITHDRAW HIS INTENTION SEEK MEXICALI OFFICE.

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