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1. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO ATTEMPT ANY FURTHER BRIEFINGS OF MEXICAN OFFICIALS HERE REGARDING "OPERATION INTERCEPT". WHEN DATE IS FINALLY ANNOUNCED I WOULD RECOMMEND WE SIMPLY INFORM ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER APPROPRIATELY. OUR CONCERN OVER THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN MADE KNOWN AT EVERY CONCEIVABLE OCCASION AND AT EVERY LEVEL INCLUDING PRESIDENT DIAZ ORDAZ SINCE THE DAY OF MY ARRIVAL, AND I BELIEVE THERE IS NOTHING TO ADD. I HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL ON SEPTEMBER 25 WHICH I WILL KEEP AND BRIEF HIM GENERALLY IN LIGHT OF THEN EXISTING SITUATION. FOREIGN SECRETARY J WILL BE IN NEW YORK AND CAN BE INFORMED ONCE MORE BY U.S. OFFICIALS THERE. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE SERIOUS ERROR TO SEEK OUT INTERIOR MINISTER AGAIN ON THIS SUBJECT AS HE IS FULLY AWARE OF OUR VIEWS.

2. WHEN THIS OPERATION IS PUT FULLY INTO EFFECT, IT MAY WELL HAVE CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES IN TERMS OF OUR RELATIONS WITH MEXICO BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THERE IS NOTHING FURTHER WE CAN DO HERE TO CUSHION THE IMPACT. WE WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO HOPE THAT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN OUR RELATIONS WILL HELP US TO RIDE OUT THE STORM.

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