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PROJECTED CONDITIONS IN FY 73 BY ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS
(July 72 to June 73)

GROWTH OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

Development and Treatment of Opposition Parties:

1. GOM will implement promised changes in political party and electoral legislation, particularly the lowering of requirements for registration of new parties. Aims are (a) to channel greater share of dissenting opinion, both right and left, into legally-authorized and more controllable forms; and (b) to enhance image of Mexican democracy. Registered opposition parties will be allowed greater access to media and other facilities during campaign for new Chamber of Deputies.

2. Government encouragement of additional party as evidence of an opening to the left will continue, probably to the point of this party's qualifying for registration and thus entering the Deputy elections if it can overcome organizational problems. This party will be permitted only to the extent it poses no threat, and for that reason party will be unlikely to attract much leftist support.

PROJECTED CONDITIONS IN FY 74
BY ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS
(July 73 to June 74)

GROWTH OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

Development and Treatment of Opposition Parties:

1. PRI may allow handful of opposition candidates to win direct election to Chamber of Deputies and in any case maintain opposition presence through operation of diputado de partido system, from which newly registered parties may also benefit. However, representation will not be extended to any party which PRI cannot control or count on to behave respectably and not to a point where the PRI's dominance of the Chamber is reduced significantly.

2. Party of the left, if it does compete, is unlikely to do well in Deputy elections and unlikely to reintegrate the disaffected left which the government hopes to attract.

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ANTICIPATED CHALLENGES OR OPPORTUNITIES

LEVEL OF CONCERN

EXPLANATION OF ASSIGNED LEVEL OF CONCERN

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The overall low level of concern for the Political Development of Mexico is based on the lack of any direct or immediate threat to U.S. interests, the lack of opportunity to affect internal political developments of Mexico, and the inadvisability of unilateral U.S. action within basic U.S. policy of non-intervention. In those few areas where the USG is asked to provide technical or other assistance, the Embassy is inclined to respond favorably.

U.S. concern with Mexican stability and internal security is obviously high given Mexico's location and many common interests. However, the threat to Mexican internal security at this stage appears quite poorly equipped, largely independent of foreign influence or support, and unlikely to pose a serious threat in FY 73 or FY 74. If guerrilla activity or popular dissatisfaction with the government were to increase considerably, U.S. concern would also be heightened.

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PROJECTED CONDITIONS IN FY 73 BY ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS
(July 72 to June 73)

Existence of Free Elections:

PRI will continue to dominate state and municipal elections during this period, resorting to manipulation when it believes this is necessary. PAN or PPS will be occasionally allowed to win a municipal election but not a governorship or significant portion of the seats in a state legislature.

Level of Political Freedoms:

Press, speech, and campaigning are likely to remain relatively free within limits, which include abstinence from personal attacks on President, unless internal security situation worsens considerably at which point GOM might consider further controls.

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Trade Union Movement: There may be some changes in both the structure and leadership of the trade union movement. The Congress of Labor may be strengthened and assume a more important role as spokesman for organized labor, thus diminishing the political power of the Mexican Labor Confederation and its long-time Secretary General, Fidel Velazquez. An effort may also be made to give the labor movement a new image by removing a number of aged and/or corrupt leaders and encouraging a

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PROJECTED CONDITIONS IN FY 74
BY ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS
(July 73 to June 74)

Existence of Free Elections:

Federal Deputy elections are likely to be somewhat more free than in past due to Presidential interest in demonstrating democratic opening, but the PRI will not hesitate to reverse any election results it considers important or embarrassing. Electoral reforms will allow participation of younger candidates.

Level of Political Freedoms:

Unchanged.

Trade Union Movement: Continuation and consolidation of same process. In 1974, CTM leader Velazquez will finish his term of office and retire, unless he has already been forced out by reason of health or political expediency.

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COURSE OF ACTION BY GOAL & OBJECTIVE

A. Political development in Mexico in accordance with Mexican capabilities and wishes

A1. Strengthen democratic institutions.

1-1. Provide two short-term training grants to the GOM for employment service training.

1-2. Provide technical assistance through informal consultations to the Mexican Social Security System.

A2. Preserve the stability of the Mexican political system.

2-1. Continue close cooperation in the security area.

2-2. Provide, if requested by the highest levels of the GOM, normally at its expense, law enforcement and public safety training for legitimate Mexican security forces in the most inconspicuous manner possible.

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