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15. SUMMARY (S/NOFORN) Luis ECHEVERRIA Alvarez, presently Minister of the Interior is likely to be chosen as the next President of Mexico. Mexican students will not risk another violent confrontation with the Mexican authorities.

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1. (S/NOFORN) [REDACTED] stated that although there were about three strong possibilities, he believed that the "MINISTRO DE GOVERNACION would probably be the winner" and that he would probably be announced as the PRI candidate sooner than is usual. NOTE: The Ministro de Gobernacion is Luis ECHEVERRIA Alvarez. Reference [REDACTED] use of the word "winner"; being chosen the PRI candidate for president is tantamount to being chosen president of Mexico, for the PRI candidate is almost assured of victory because the PRI dominates Mexican politics.

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knew the students in Mexico City were showing signs of discontent. However, he believed they would not risk another violent confrontation with the authorities. Continued saying that just after last fall's demonstrations and their bloody aftermath, the people of Mexico were initially pro-student and angry at the strong measures taken by the authorities. Later public opinion changed and people came to believe that the students were to blame for the riots and the results. Because of this change in public opinion, student leaders believe that future disorders will be blamed on them and that the people will not support them.

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