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SUBJECT

AGITATION AGAINST GOVERNOR OF GUANAJUATO BY NATIONAL SINARCHIST UNION

PLACE & DATE ACQ.

MEXICO, MEXICO CITY (20 NOVEMBER 1964)

REF IN 0537 (b)(3)

FIELD REPORT NO. [redacted] (b)(3)

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1. A CAMPAIGN AGAINST GOVERNOR JUAN JOSE TORRES LANDA OF GUANAJUATO WAS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE NATIONAL SINARCHIST UNION (UNS-UNION NACIONAL SINARQUIA-CATHOLIC, RIGHTIST, ANTI-COMMUNIST POLITICAL GROUP) FOR SOME TIME BEFORE THE ARREST OF ITS LEADERS ON 13 NOV 1964. THE UNS REGARDS GOVERNOR TORRES AS THOROUGHLY UNTRUSTWORTHY BECAUSE HE HAS APPOINTED A NUMBER OF PRO-COMMUNISTS TO POSITIONS OF POWER WITHIN THE STATE AND BECAUSE HE HAS GROSSLY EXCEEDED THE ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF GRAFT IN HIS USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS. THE CAMPAIGN HOWEVER WAS NOT VOILENT AND SHOWED NO SIGNS OF BECOMING SO

[redacted] COMMENT; IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE STRENGTH OF PUBLIC FEELING [redacted] (b)(1)  
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AGAINST THE GOVERNOR, COUPLED WITH THE PERSISTENCE OF THE SINARCHIST CAMPAIGN, MIGHT HAVE DEVELOPED INTO A DANGEROUS SITUATION. IN VIEW OF THE RECENT COMMUNIST-LED AGITATION IN PUEBLA WHICH LED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF THE GOVERNOR, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ACTED AGAINST THE SINARCHIST LEADERSHIP TO TAKE PRESSURE OFF THE GOVERNOR AND TO AVOID REPETITION, ALTHOUGH FROM THE RIGHT THIS TIME, OF ANOTHER PUEBLA INCIDENT).

2. SINCE THE SINARCHIST LEADERS ARE BEING HELD UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WHICH NORMALLY DEALS ONLY WITH CRIMINAL MATTERS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THEY WILL BE CHARGED WITH "SOCIAL DISSOLUTION" (FIELD COMMENT: THE MEXICO CITY DAILY NOVEDADES OF 24 NOVEMBER REPORTED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAD ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNS LEADERS WOULD APPEAR BEFORE A FEDERAL JUDGE 'HOPEFULLY, BY THE END OF THIS WEEK'. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID THAT HIS OFFICE WOULD NOT PRESENT THE CASE BECAUSE THE AGITATION TOOK PLACE IN GUANAJUATO STATE. HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS NO DESIRE TO MAKE THE INNOCENT INSTRUMENTS OF THE 23 JAILED LEADERS SUFFER. ATTORNEY GENERAL OSCAR TREVINO RIOS CONCLUDED THAT THE SINARCHIST LEADERS ACTED IN GUANAJUATO PURELY FROM PERSONAL AND POLITICAL MOTIVES ON THE PRETEXT OF POPULAR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE.

3. FIELD COMMENT: GOVERNOR TORRES LANDA WHO WAS REPORTED IN 1959 TO BE A FOLLOWER AND ADMIRER OF GENERAL LAZARO CARDENAS, FORMER

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PRESIDENT OF MEXICO AND PROMINENT PRO-COMMUNIST, AND IN 1962 TO BE AN ADMIRER OF JACINTO LOPEZ, MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

DIRECTORATE OF THE POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY

(PPS-PARTIDO POPULAR SOCIALISTA-MARXIST), HAS ACTIVELY PUSHED THE

"GUANAJUATO PLAN" AIMED AT RELIEVING SOME OF THE DISTRESS OF

THE STATE. JOSE TRINIDAD CERVANTES, JAILED NATIONAL SECRETARY OF

THE UNS,

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THE PROGRESS OF AFFAIRS IN GUANAJUATO AS OF 12 NOVEMBER. HE EXPRESSED AT

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THAT TIME HIS EXTREME PERSONAL DISTRUST OF TORRES LANDA'S

CHARACTER AND ALSO MENTIONED THAT TORRES LANDA HAD EXALTED

POLITICAL AMBITIONS.

4. FIELD DISSEM; STATE, FBI.

ACTION: CIA (ARMY ACST)  
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