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SUBJECT: Developments Relative to President Kennedy's
Trip to Mexico

1. Nothing has occurred in the past few days to change the conclusions of SNIE 81-62, SECURITY CONDITIONS IN MEXICO, dated 13 June.

2. Communist student agitators at the National University attracted to an anti-Kennedy demonstration on 22 June about 600 of the student body of 70,000. One of the demonstrators remarked that the same groups always took part in student disturbances. Exaggeration of the attendance figures by reporters of Castro's Prensa Latina indicates disappointment over the turnout. Another protest meeting is scheduled for 29 June, when student groups reportedly will be assigned posts for agitation efforts during the visit.

3. The Mexican Communist party (PCM) is distributing anti-Kennedy handbills to workers in unions which are already Communist-influenced. Among them are the telephone workers, who Mexican security officials have heard may go on strike during the visit. The handbills attack the Lopez Mateos administration as completely subject to the US and charge that concessions damaging to Mexicans will result from the visit.

4. Several PCM leaders have been arrested and held incommunicado for painting wall signs protesting the visit.



They may hope to provoke clashes with police units to arouse public resentment. Mexican security forces are aware of this and are strengthening their countermeasures.

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5. The refusal of Vicente Lombardo Toledano's Popular Socialist party (PPS) to cooperate with PCM agitation plans will suit the overall Communist tactic of not arousing government opposition. Lombardo has long protected his own position as a privileged Soviet agent by supporting Mexican governments. In late May he reportedly discussed the visit with President Lopez Mateos, who told him that no secret matters would be discussed and no information withheld from the Mexican public; that the visit would not alter any Mexican government policies including that toward Cuba; and that any discussion between the two presidents would be on an entirely equal basis with no concessions by the Mexican government. The PPS planned to disseminate this information and issue directives that party members were not to give any importance to the visit and not to demonstrate for or against it.

6. Protocol Chief Mariscal said on 22 June that pro-Communist interpreter Rosenzweig Diaz did not need to be present in the private discussions between the two presidents, since Foreign Minister Tello and US Ambassador Mann are both capable of serving that function.

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