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The President
The White House

My dear Mr. President:

The Communist threat in Mexico stems from two main elements: The Soviet and Satellite diplomatic missions and native Marxism, coupled with extreme nationalism.

The Soviet Embassy has a staff of fifty-three, far in excess of the number necessary for handling normal diplomatic relations between the two countries.

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Soviet intelligence operations based on Mexico are being directed into the United States

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Soviet operations with regard to Central America and the Caribbean are primarily of a political action nature. Soviet agents are active in several Latin American countries, some enjoying positions of considerable importance.

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Although the chief functions of the Soviet Embassy are in intelligence, guidance of Communist Parties, and subversive work, some cultural, commercial and general propaganda activities are also carried on.


The Czechoslovakian Legation in Mexico is generally engaged in promoting commerce in Mexico and in nearby countries,

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The Polish Legation is primarily engaged in cultural activities.

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It has a staff of twelve, 

The Marxist movement in Mexico is composed mainly of the Communist Party of Mexico and the Popular Party. While neither is strong numerically or politically, both are capable of agitation and serve as rallying points for native leftists and ultra nationalists, and as a pool for Soviet recruitment. A number of Communist front organizations also exist, the most important being the Confederation of Labor of Latin America (CTAL), the Latin American branch of the World Federation of Trade Unions led by Vicente Lombardo Toledano.

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Yours respectfully,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

*Enclose (transmitted to Gen Goodpaster dtd 16 Feb 59
attaching this letter)*

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