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DIS 25 SEPTEMBER 1968

COUNTRY: MEXICO

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SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP [REDACTED]

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1. THE MEXICAN ARMY HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF BOTH INSTALLATIONS (SANTO TOMAS AND ZACATECO) OF THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (IPN).

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STUDENTS BURNED TWO CITY BUSES. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CLASHES WITH POLICE, BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT RIOT POLICE WILL HAVE TO REMOVE THESE STUDENTS, PROBABLY DURING THE EVENING HOURS, AND FIGHTING IS ANTICIPATED AT THAT TIME.

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3. STUDENTS ARE REMOVING MIMEOGRAPH MACHINES AND PAPER FROM THE PREPARATORY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, AND TAKING THEM TO PRIVATE HOMES WHERE THEY WILL BE USED TO PRINT PROPAGANDA. A CANVASS IS UNDERWAY TO LOCATE HOMES IN WHICH TO LODGE STUDENTS AND STUDENT LEADERS WHO ARE BEING SOUGHT BY POLICE. HOMES BEING SOUGHT ARE THOSE OF NON-STUDENT FAMILIES; THEY WILL BE USED ONE TIME ONLY, AND FOR NOT LONGER THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

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4. A LARGE DEMONSTRATION WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON 25 SEPTEMBER HAS NOT BEEN ORGANIZED BECAUSE THE NATIONAL STRIKE COUNCIL (CNH) LEADERS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO MEET IN A SAFE PLACE. THE CNH HAS DECIDED INSTEAD TO HOLD A DEMONSTRATION OF MOURNING FOR STUDENTS KILLED IN CLASHES WITH THE POLICE, AND TO POSTPONE

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THE LARGER DEMONSTRATION UNTIL THE WEEK OF 29 SEPTEMBER. CNH LEADERS RECOGNIZE THAT THE MOURNING DEMONSTRATION MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT DISORGANIZED, BUT THEY FEEL THAT THEY SHOULD PROCEED WITH IT.

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5. THE COMMUNIST YOUTH OF MEXICO (CYM) IN MONTERREY, WHICH CONSISTS OF FROM EIGHTY TO ONE HUNDRED ACTIVE MEMBERS, WAS JOINED BY THE UNIVERSITY CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (OCU - ORGANIZATION CULTURAL UNIVERSITARIA) IN DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN MONTERREY OVER THE WEEKEND OF 20-22 SEPTEMBER. THE OCU, WHICH WAS FORMED ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF YEARS AGO, IS COMPOSED OF CATHOLIC LEFTISTS. ALTHOUGH IT WORKS IN COOPERATION WITH THE CYM, IT CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN ITS OWN ORGANIZATION AND METHODS OF OPERATION. AS OF THE EVENING OF 21 SEPTEMBER, NO REPRESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST STUDENTS HAD BEEN TAKEN. ALTHOUGH THE PUBLIC GENERALLY SUPPORTS THE NUEVO LEON GOVERNMENT, UNION MEMBERS AT THE FUNDIDORA STEEL MILL IN MONTERREY RECENTLY VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE STUDENTS AND AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

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