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1. Leftist and anti-imperialist groups in Mexico are pleased that General Lazaro Cardenas del Rio, leftist former President of Mexico, has accepted British philosopher Bertrand Russell's invitation to serve as a juror on Russell's international tribunal to "try" President Johnson and the United States as perpetrators of war crimes in Vietnam.¹
 2. The well-known coolness between General Cardenas and Popular Socialist Party (PPS - Partido Popular Socialista) Secretary General Vicente Lombardo Toledano may prevent the PPS from issuing an official statement of approval. However, among the middle-level leaders and the rank and file of the Party there is approval and enthusiasm for the proposed trial.
 3. Although Communists in Mexico will not support the tribunal openly, they will publicize the results of the "trial" which they of course assume will find the accused guilty as charged.
1. [redacted] Comment: The receipt of the invitation by Cardenas was first made public on 8 August 1966 in a letter sent by him to the Mexican press. He said that he felt it his unavoidable obligation as a citizen to serve in the interest of humanity, in the endeavor to clarify the grave acts of which the Vietnamese people were victims and which were provoking the outbreak of a world war. The General did not actually say that he would go to Paris and participate in the trial.

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