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TO: The Secretary

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SUBJECT: Mexican Student Demonstrations - INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

The Rector of the National University led a massive non-violent student march last evening through parts of central Mexico City. Large groups of students attempting to enter the main square were prevented from doing so by police, but no major clash between the two groups took place.

Today, Friday, has so far been quiet. Students are meeting at the University to revise their statement of demands, and no demonstrations are known to be planned for this evening. President Diaz Ordaz, on a tour of provincial capitals, has made his first statement on the subject, deploring the disorders and urging reconciliation. The Government is making every effort to channel the protests toward peaceful protests, and today released 78 more students.

Student grievances remain, the pressure on the Government continues strong, and further disorders are still a possibility, especially when the suppressed news of several student deaths becomes public.

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