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SUBJECT: RIOT IN CENTRAL MEXICO CITY

1. LEFTIST AGITATORS NIGHT OF JULY 26 TURNED PEACEFUL STUDENT DEMONSTRATION INTO VIOLENT OUTBREAK INVOLVING STREET BATTLE WITH POLICE, NUMEROUS INJURIES, SEVERAL ATTACKS ON STORES AND OTHER BUILDINGS. SITUATION WAS CONTROLLED BY MIDNIGHT AND NO VIOLENCE SINCE.

2. NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TECHNICAL STUDENTS HAD OBTAINED PERMIT HOLD PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION IN PROTEST AGAINST POLICE INTERVENTION SEVERAL DAYS AGO IN STUDENT PROBLEM AT A PRE-PARATORY SCHOOL AND A PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL. LATE AFTERNOON DEMONSTRATION THIS GROUP AMOUNTED TO PERHAPS FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND AT REVOLUTION MONUMENT. SIMULTANEOUSLY ABOUT 200 JCM (MEXICAN COMMUNIST YOUTH) AND ASSOCIATES WERE MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH JULY 26 PRO-CASTRO DEMONSTRATION. THESE 200 JOINED THE NFTS GROUP AND AGITATED FOR MARCH TO ZOCALO (THE CENTRAL SQUARE WHERE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IS LOCATED). LESS THAN HALF NFTS JOINED IN MARCH. POLICE STOPPED THEM AND THEY NEVER REACHED ZOCALO BUT RESULT WAS FIGHTING, INJURIES AND DAMAGE.

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3. POLICE ARRESTED SEVERAL INCLUDING PROMINENT COMMUNISTS.

ALSO BROKE INTO HEADQUARTERS OF COMMUNIST PARTY AND LA VOZ DE MEXICO AND TOOK FILES.

4. THERE WAS NO DIRECT ATTACK ON AMERICANS OR AMERICAN PROPERTY. US ONLY INDIRECTLY AFFECTED BY PRO-CASTRO NATURE OF JCM DEMONSTRATION.

5. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT FULLER REPORT AS FACTS ARE NAILED DOWN BY POLICE AND OTHER CONTACTS. FREEMAN