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TO: The Acting Secretary

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SUBJECT: Mexican Situation - INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

Tensions seem to be easing in Mexico City. No serious disorders have occurred in the past five days and the GOM has made several gestures as a prelude to a compromise solution of the student problem, including the evacuation of troops last night from the National University campus. If the present trend continues, the situation should be calm for the Olympic Games.

Though the GOM is acting as if it is confident a compromise is imminent, we remain skeptical. The National Strike Committee is again installed in the University, reiterating its demands and insisting the student strike will continue. The student demands are unmet, tempers continue high, and any violent incident, even if accidental, could easily provoke a new round of disturbances. A mass meeting scheduled for tomorrow, October 2, should provide an opportunity to gauge the amount of support remaining for the students' cause.

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