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ACTION: Amembassy MEXICO PRIORITY

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- Embassy requested provide at its early convenience assessment of foreign influence on student disorders. Include comment on specific intelligence reports assistance to students by foreign-supported extremist groups as well as general public statements by Campos Lemus, Cardenas, and Minister Government. Re latter, we note Echeverria has made directly contradictory statements on foreign involvement.
- Other items on which further reporting desired are run-down on demonstrations and strikes in provincial capitals, current status report on/hospital strike, and Country Team best judgment on number casualties in October 2 violence. Department does not wish to engage in body count numbers game, but extreme range casualty reports makes generally agreed figure helpful.
- Request comment on reports disseminated by FBI October 4 in October 2 incidents. and 5 on origin of firing/ One report attributed outbreak to

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confusion between army and security agents, other implicated
Trotskyist terrorist group, Olympia Brigade, which not previously
identified.

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