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EMBTLS 1844, 1853, AND 1862.

SIGNS DEVELOPING GOM PLANS DEAL QUIETLY BUT FIRMLY WITH CCI. ONE CCI OFFICIAL ANNOUNCED RESIGNATION FROM HIS NEW POSITION YESTERDAY, PERHAPS FIRST OF SERIES TO BE BOUGHT OFF OR COERCED. OFFICIAL GOM LINE ONE OF "SERENITY" AND SPREADING IMPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE AND STRENGTH, IMPLYING FREEDOM AMONG ALL SECTORS TO DISCUSS NATIONAL PROBLEMS BUT NO FEAR OF CCI AS POLITICAL FORCE. THIS PROBABLY MEANS POLICE ACTION AGAINST CCI ORGANIZERS RULED OUT FOR TIME BEING. GOM APPARENTLY WILL BE CONTENT WITH DISINTEGRATION CCI AND CONSEQUENT POLITICAL DEFEAT FOR COMMUNISTS AND CARDENAS FOLLOWERS WITHOUT MOVING INTO FURTHER REPRESSIVE MEASURES.

MOST MEXICANS BELIEVE CARDENAS GROUP AND COMMUNISTS MADE ERROR CREATING CCI AS OPENLY ANTI-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION WITH UNDERLYING INSURRECTIONAL THREATS. ADMINISTRATION, CONGRESS, AND PRESS CONTINUE OPEN ATTACKS CARDENAS WHO MAY EMERGE GREATEST PERSONAL LOOSER CCI AFFAIR.

AIRGRAM SENT THIS DATE. COWLES

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