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Friday, September 27, 1968, 4:00 P.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Security Considerations in Mr. Nixon's Planned Visit to Mexico

Director Helms is forwarding to you the attached CIA memorandum citing the potential dangers inherent in a visit to Mexico City October 15 which Mr. Nixon is planning.

The Secret Service has the legal responsibility for the security of Candidate Nixon under the provisions of the June 6, 1968, Joint Resolution. CIA is furnishing pertinent information to the Secret Service. Mr. Helms is indirectly asking whether he should also provide information directly to Mr. Nixon.

I believe it would be best to deal with Mr. Nixon on this subject through the Secret Service. If Mr. Nixon actually goes through with his plan and there are questions about whether he had been informed by CIA of the dangers of the trip, the response would be that Director Helms had made available to the Secret Service all information CIA had on the security situation in Mexico, in accordance with the Joint Resolution, bearing on this subject.

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I agree with the attached note and believe that Mr. Nixon should be made aware of the potential dangers inherent in his planned visit to Moxico City.

This may smark of excessive caution, but I recall rather vividly the public criticism leveled at this Agency whon Mr. Nixon bad a close wall in Corevas some years ago.

I so not clear on the channels to Mr. When on a matter of this kind. I know that the Secretary of State and the Secret Service have the responsibility for the safety of American officials when outside the United States.

> Richard dolms Director

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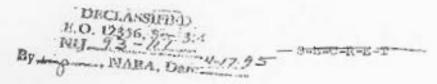
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Note for the Director ro Mr. Mixou's Planned Vicit to Mexico

The Secret Service has requested an estimate on occurity conditions for Mr. Ninen's planued visit to Mexico City on 15 October. Because we are now even more concurred about security conditions than we were a few weeks ago, we are updating our note to you of 6 September on the proposed visit, since concelled, of Vice President Humphrey.

- We have judged prior to past vicita to Mexico by President Johnson or Vice President Humphrey that there would be little or no danger involved, either of an accassination attempt or of violent Aemoustrations on any major scale. But in view of the recurring troubles between Mexican students and the Diez Order soministration, we cannot make the same judgment with any confidence for Mr. Nixon's proposed visit. The Mexican government has been able to control the student riots only through the use of army troops to back up the police. There have been scores of casualties and a number of Palalities on both sides, as the students have used firearms and Holotov cocktails. We believe that the milustion will remain tense at Least for some months, and that, with or without the occasion of a prominent visitor from the UB, student extremists will attempt to mount demonstrations during the Olympics in order to emburrage the Mexican government.
- U. If Mr. Mixon does make a visit in October to view the Olympic games, we think that the Mexicon occurity forces would have appreciably more difficulty in protecting him than has been the case in the past for prominent visitors. We think that enti-



descentrations directed spained him specifically, and that those would be likely to turn ugly, producing some nacturedents, before the security forces could suppress them.

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