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1. AT REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR MANN CO SAW [ILLEGIBLE] 21 NOV

1961 AND TOOK UP FOLLOWING:

A. SUBJ OF REFERENCE. [ILLEGIBLE] REPLY WAS THAT WE HAD COME LATE; HE REMINDED COS THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR NOTICE "IN ADVANCE"

OF ITEMS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO TAKE UP THIS CHANNEL. [ILLEGIBLE] HOWEVER, PROMISED GET MANUEL TELLO, FOREIGN MINISTER ON 21 NOV AND "HOPES" HE CAN (WITHOUT TOO MUCH TROUBLE) GET MEXICAN DELEGATE STOP FIGHTING AGAINST COLOMBIAN PROPOSAL; MAYBE EVEN HAVE HIM ABSTAIN WHEN COMES TO VOTE. NOTE:

AMBASSADOR MANN WILL REPLY TO REF.

B. AGRARIAN REFORM IN MEXICO, WHICH [ILLEGIBLE] WISHES DISCUSS IN [CLANDESTINE] MEETING (TO BE ARRANGED BY COS) "EARLY NEXT WEEK".

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C. QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT AMBASSADOR SHOULD ENCOURAGE U.S. BUSINESSMEN TO CONTRIBUTE TO "FRENTE CIVICO MEXICANO DE AFIRMACION REVOLUCIONARIA" (SEE LIRUM). LIFENSOR SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND AMBASSADOR REQUEST U.S. BUSINESSMEN LEAVE ORGANIZATION, FINANCING AND DIRECTION OF ANTI-COMMUNIST GROUP IN MEXICO TO MEXICANS AND THAT U.S. BUSINESSMEN BE TOLD BEST WAY FOR THEM TO FIGHT COMMUNISM IN MEXICO WAS INVEST MONIES IN PRIVATE ENTERPRISES IN MEXICO AND HELP RAISE STANDARD OF LIVING AND GIVE MORE JOBS TO MEXICANS. LIFENSOR SAID "FRENTE" WOULD GET INTO POLITICS, PROBABLY WOULD SUPPORT A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, AND HENCE EMBARRASS ANY U.S. PARTICIPANTS OR SUPPORTERS.

2. LIFENSOR BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S VISIT TO MEXICO. SAID SENATOR MANSFIELD HAD BROUGHT MESSAGE REGARDING THIS. LIFENSOR HOPES PRES KENNEDY WILL COME TO MEXICO BETWEEN

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10 AND 15 DECEMBER. HE WILL LEAVE CHOICE OF MEETING PLACE TO PRES KENNEDY BUT PERSONALLY WOULD PREFER MONTERREY BECAUSE LESS LIKELIHOOD THERE OF EMBARRASSMENTS BY SMALL GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS. HOWEVER, [DELETE] CAN GUARANTEE PROTECTION FOR PRES KENNEDY ANY PLACE IN MEXICO. (NOTE: AMBASSADOR MANN SENDING FULL CABLE ON THIS VIA STATE DEPT CHANNELS AND WITHOUT DISCLOSING THEREIN COS MEETING WITH [DELETE].)

3. [DELETE] BROUGHT UP POSSIBILITY OF DISTURBANCES IN MEXICO IN EARLY 1962, PARTICULARLY ABOUT MARCH AND ASKED COS HELP TO "KEEP COMMUNISTS COVERED". (NOTE: SEE MEX- [DELETE].) WHICH AMBASSADOR MANN ADVISING STATE DEPT BEING SENT VIA KUBARK CHANNELS.

4. ABOVE FOR KUBARK INFORMATION; SEPARATE REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED BY AMBASSADOR MANN.

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