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position, it should be possible to obtain information on the Ministry of Education and other aspects of the Mexican education system which, according to the last word received from Headquarters, is somewhat of a priority requirement.

d. RMD. This project is responsive to Priority A3d and f of the Related Mission Directive for Station Mexico City (approved October 1963). This priority reads in part: "obtain information on the stability of the Government ... through high-level penetrations and through surveillances and controlled assets of other powerful political groups such as the Frente Civico, ... and through continued development and influencing of high-level government contacts." As an ancillary measure, the project could contribute to MHSPAWN objectives of the RMD under certain circumstances where use of right-wing platforms and organizations is merited.

### 3. Background.

#### a. Developments Leading up to Project.

(1) Mexico, politically, is a country in which, increasingly, a centrist political consensus is developing based on the impact of education and economic development. On either side though of this growing central political spectrum are extreme left and extreme right wings which are quite active and quite vocal and which have an influence in the form of individuals, organizations, and movements greatly out of proportion to their numbers. Political disturbances and efforts to induce lack of stability emanate in the main from these two extreme wings. As the centrist force grows slowly, it is possible and probable that these two wings will intensify their efforts and become more and more radical. The Station has intelligence coverage of the extreme left-wing, but has neglected the equally important extreme right-wing when, in the final analysis, any threat to Mexican political stability by fomenting unrest and incidents does, and will continue to, emanate from the right-wing as well as the left-wing. Assuming that, as indicated in the present RMD, the long range national policy objectives of the U.S. toward Mexico are to encourage a stable democratic government and political environment, then coverage of the right-wing is required if for no other reason than meeting normal Station responsibilities for political reporting. HBFINCH contacts in this area have been, and probably will continue to be, virtually nil. In fact, at present in this area HBFINCH contacts are non-existent.

(2) LIHUFF/I was first picked up as a contact by Station Mexico City in 1950 after having been a contract agent for Station Panama City for some three years (while engaged in business in Panama). He has been in a continuing

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