

U.S. EXPECTING TALKS TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH MEXICO

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Body

The Reagan Administration hopes that the two days of **talks** with President Jose Lopez Portillo of **Mexico** will **strengthen** communications between the **United States** and **Mexico** at a time when several issues have been causing strains between the two countries.

On his arrival at Andrews Air Force Base this evening, Mr. Lopez Portillo was greeted by Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. and then traveled to Blair House in downtown Washington. He was scheduled to arrive at the White House tomorrow morning for a brief greeting ceremony and then leave for the Presidential retreat at Camp David.

Administration officials said that among the principal items on the agenda of Mr. Reagan and Mr. Lopez Portillo would be trade, immigration and differing views of security problems in Central America.

Reagan Administration hopes **talks** with President Lopez Portillo in Washington will **strengthen ties** with **Mexico**'Guest Workers' Proposed

To deal with the problems posed by the illegal entry of Mexicans into the **United States**, the Reagan Administration has been shaping a policy to double the annual limit on legal immigration from **Mexico** and to establish an experimental "guest worker" program that would permit 50,000 Mexicans a year to enter the **United States** to seek employment.

Mexico has long pressed the **United States** to be more open to Mexicans seeking job opportunities. In addition, Mexican officials are known to feel that any "guest worker" program should probably permit more than 50,000 Mexicans to enter each year.

On trade, the **United States** has been eager to discuss its concerns about the array of Mexican tax measures and other supports aimed at increasing Mexican exports, particularly farm products that compete with American products.

Perhaps the greatest point of contention between the two Presidents is **expected** to center on the Reagan Administration's new policies in Central America and the Caribbean. President Reagan has approved, but not announced, a sweeping new policy of economic and military assistance to ease poverty and counter what the Administration maintains is Soviet and Cuban intervention in the area. The President has already authorized limited military assistance to El Salvador to help the Government there oppose leftist insurgents.

President Lopez Portillo opposes the Salvadoran Government and has had friendly relations with both Cuba and the revolutionary Government of Nicaragua, a regime the Reagan Administration has criticized.

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Joint Statement Not Planned

In a briefing for reporters, a senior Administration official said there would not be a joint statement at the end of the talks or any effort to "align" or "adjust" differing views, as there have been in some of Mr. Reagan's previous talks with world leaders.

"It is not our position to have President Lopez Portillo leave this meeting with a clear-cut understanding on every issue that has arisen, or will arise between the United States and Mexico," the official said.

The two men first met in 1979 while Mr. Reagan was on a visit Mexico City. Last Jan. 5, two weeks before his inauguration, Mr. Reagan met the Mexican leader in Ciudad Juarez, a border community across the Bridge of Friendship from El Paso, Tex. They then pledged to establish a "personal relationship" to help ease tensions between Mexico and the United States.

The schedule calls for senior aides to both leaders to travel to Camp David tomorrow morning, remain there for the evening and return to the White House Tuesday for a state luncheon. Despite the presence of the aides, the two leaders are expected to spend at least some of the time alone.

The plan, for example, calls for them to take a long stroll in the woods tomorrow afternoon, and an official said "some form of recreation," possibly including horseback riding, is in store.

Graphic

Illustrations: photo of President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico , with Ambassador John Gavin

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