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Subject: MEXICO EMBARRASSED Posted: April 18,1996 22:24:12 To: GREG BRODZINSKI (FXTS32A) From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Greg,

When Castro does the same thing our government denounces him

When Zedillo does it we give him our money.

When will the America People wake up and realize that evil

runs Washington, Mexico City AND Havanna?

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Subject: MEXICO EMBARRASSED Posted: April 18,1996 11:09:12 To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A) From: JAMES COLLINS (QPAV05A)

This shows how hypocritical Mexican officials are - I always thought that Mexico is turning into a political Shithole -

now I know Zedillo is the Big Turd.

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Subject: MEXICO EMBARRASSED Posted: April 17,1996 22:29:58

To: ALL

From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

From New York Times April 13, 1996:

POLICE BRUTALITY IN MEXICO, ECHOING CALIFORNIA CASE, PUTS ZEDILLO ON THE SPOT

"As Mexico continues its sharp criticism of the United States for the recent beating of illegal immigrants by police officers in California, the Mexican government itself is being condemned for a brutal attack against peasants by its police.

"The episode took place on Wednesday when local policemen opened fire on peasants heading to an anniversary commemoration of the death of the Mexican Revolutionary hero Emiliano Zapata. They planned to take part in an environmental protest there.

"The confrontation, which killed one person and wounded dozens, took place in the state of Morelos, where Zapata was killed by government forces 77 years ago.

"'If the government is going to demand justice for Mexicans in another country, it has to begin by protecting the rights of its own People at home,' said Adela Bocanegra de Medina, 69, who was in the group of People who were attacked.

"The attack by state police officers in Morelos puts Mr. Zedillo's government in a politically and morally difficult position because it comes at a time when Mexican officials have made the recent episode in Riverside, Calif., into a symbol of racism and brutality by the United States aginst Mexicans.

"Such incidents of state repression have weakened Mr. Zedillo's statements that he is turning Mexico into a country of laws. On Thursday, the President sent a 'respectful call' to local authorities to punish those responsible for the violence.

"The Presidency condemns whatever action obstructs citizen's rights to exercise their individual guarantees- in particular, the freedom of expression.

"But one official, speaking on condition he not be identified, expressed Mr. Zedillo's quandary. He said the government is now in the position of having to 'decry and oppose any kind of abuse by law enforcement agents anywhere against Mexicans...in Morales as well as outside Mexico.'" File this under the heading of "silver lining."

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