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Assault on President by
Youths Laid to Agency—
U.S. Denies Any Role
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MEXICO CITY, March 17—
The Mexican Government has
accused the United States
Central Intelligence Agency of
having been behind the stoning
of President Luis Echeverria
Alvarez by a band of youths at
National University last Friday.
Several officials, among them
the President himself, have
made such charges, but they
have offered no evidence.

Asked about the charges to-
day, the United States Amba-
sador, Joseph John Jova, said,
"I can affirm categorically that
there was no involvement of
any agency of the United
States Government in the re-
grettable incident involving
President Echeverria at the
National University."

An Embassy spokesman said
in response to a question that
he did not know whether a
formal protest over the accu-
sations would be presented to
the Mexican Government.

After the incident, in which
the president suffered a slight
head wound, Mr. Echeverria

said "Fascist youths manipu-
lated by the C.I.A." were to
blame.

Since then, several Cabinet
ministers have also accused the
C.I.A.

Foreign Minister Emilio O.
Rabasa said that "one must
presume that the C.I.A. operates
in all Latin American countries
unless there is proof to the con-
trary" and he warned that any
diplomat found to have been in-
volved in Friday's incident
would be rapidly expelled.

Mexico's Attorney General
Pedro Ojeda Paullada, said
that president Echeverria had
adopted an "anti-imperialist"
foreign policy and added that
"therefore there is manipulation
by the imperialists."

The attorney general for
Mexico City, Horacio Castel-
lanos Coutino, said, "What was
at first mere conjecture about
C.I.A. intervention in Mexico is
unfortunately now taking on
the appearance of truth."

There have been charges
that the President himself once
had a working relationship
with the C.I.A. A book by a
former C.I.A. agent, Philip
Agee, published in London in
January, asserts that Mr.
Echeverria worked as a "col-
laborator" with the C.I.A.
while he was Minister of the
Interior.

Mr. Agee described a col-
laborator as a Government
official who dealt with the
C.I.A. for a particular purpose,
as distinguished from a person
whose activities were under
the agency's control.