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MEMORANDUM

FOR: The Ambassador ✓

FROM: Mr. Ray

EL MUNDO published the entire text of your speech on July 18; on July 20 it carried an editorial dealing principally with the religious question. Unfortunately, it pays more attention to persecution of the Church in Mexico than in the Third Reich.

The editorial refers to the fact that while the Nazis were making their party the only one in Germany, the same thing was happening in a quieter way in Mexico. The Church was persecuted in Mexico much the same way as in Germany.

This article is not anti-American and not strongly against the present Mexican Government. It is far from what I would have ordered, but it is probably what most leading Catholics here think. I don't believe it will do us any harm. EL MUNDO had the courage to say what NOVEDADES and others believe but don't dare publish.

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