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Information Items

Mexican Official Urges Turn Toward U.S. and Canada: While briefing a Foreign Service Institute senior seminar, an official of the Mexican foreign ministry stated that Mexico should tighten its links with the U.S. and Canada. He said such a relationship would benefit all three countries, although Mexico would retain its essentially Latin American and Third World outlook. He also criticized recent treatment of Mexico by the U.S. press and voiced annoyance that the State Department had warned tourists about travel to Mexico without consultations. He hoped the U.S. would help Mexico overcome its massive bilateral trade deficit by reducing trade restrictions. Embassy Mexico believes these same themes may surface again during Lopez Portillo's visit to Washington. The embassy also reports that its Canadian colleagues are somewhat baffled by how to interpret a similar approach made to them. However, it considers that the suggestion, however vague, indicates a shift in official attitude in the government of Mexico since Echeverria left office.

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