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1. ONLY 200 Q 300 PEOPLE SHOWED UP TO MARCH FOR Q
DIGNITY FOR JUAREZ ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18,
INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR OF CHIHUAHUA AND THE
MAYOR OF CIUDAD JUAREZ. BILLED AS JUAREZQRESPONSE
TO THE QINTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN OF DEFAMATIONQ
THAT THE CITYQS BUSINESS AND POLITICAL LEADERS
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FEEL IS BEING WAGED BY THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA,
THE EVENT CLEARLY DISAPPOINTED ITS ORGANIZERS,
WHO HOPED TO DRAW A CROWD IN THE THOUSANDS.
RHETORIC WAS MILD IN COMPARISON TO THAT HEARD
JUST AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF THE CLANDESTINE
GRAVESITES IN AND NEAR JUAREZ (SEE REFTELS),
WHILE PRESS COVERAGE WAS GENERALLY MUTED AND
FACTUAL.

2. GOVERNOR PATRICIO MARTINEZ SPOKE BRIEFLY,
MAKING REFERENCE TO THE CITYQS WELL-KNOWN DRUG
TRADE AND ITS ASSOCIATED VIOLENCE AS A QBLACK
AREAQ THAT NEEDED TO BE SURPRESSED. HE THEN
WENT ON TO DESCRIBE JUAREZ AS A HARD-WORKING
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: NORMAN M BOUTON
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CITY THAT OFFERED A BETTER LIFE TO COUNTLESS MEXICANS WHO CAME NORTH SEEKING OPPORTUNITY IN HONEST WORK. THE MOST PERSISTENT THEME OF THE ORATORS WAS OFFENSE AT THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS HAVING APPROPRIATED THE NAME QUAZEREZ IN THE QUAZEREZ CARTELQ AND MOST DEMANDED THAT MEXICAN AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS ACCOUNTS CEASE USING THE APPETITION WHEN REFERRING TO THE DRUG RINGS.


4. COMMENT: THE GOVERNORQ8 SECRETARY GENERAL AND A PRI COUNCILWOMAN FROM JUAREZ CALLED THE CONSULATE TO TELL US THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ANTI-AMERICAN Rhetoric AT THE RALLY, AND THERE WAS IN FACT NONE. OUR SOUNDINGS PRIOR TO THE MARCH SHOWED A CLEAR LACK OF UNANIMITY ON THE THEME OF JUAREZ AGGREBATED. THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND WHAT INDIGNATION IS FELT, AND THEY ARE MOTIVATED PRIMARILY BY THE DROP OFF IN CROSS BORDER TOURISM WHICH THEY BLAME ON ACCOUNTS OF THE GRAVE SITES IN THE US PRESS.

US SIDE MIGHT TURN UP SOMETHING CONCRETE; HE HAD NO

FAITH IN THE MEXICAN POLICE AT ANY LEVEL: THEY WERE
ALL THERE WHEN THESE PEOPLE WERE KILLED.

6. COMMENT CONCLUDED: THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS
SHOWN ITSELF WILLING AND ABLE TO DEFLECT ANGER
AWAY FROM THE US AND THE BINATIONAL INVESTIGATION,
WHILE THE SMALL TURNOUT OUGHT TO PROVIDE THE
BUSINESSMEN AND THE MAYOR WITH SOME SENSE OF

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PERSPECTIVE. IF THE MARCH WERE INTENDED TO
INFLUENCE AMERICANS Q THEY ARE AFTER ALL THE
TOURISTS WHOSE ABSENCE IS SO RESENTED Q THE
TOTAL LACK OF MEDIA ATTENTION IN THE US
SHOULD MARK IT AS A CONSPICUOUS FAILURE.

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