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PREFACE

This is not a history of the Mexican Revolution. Inevitably, since the actual events of the period are in many cases confused and uncertain, and it has been possible to bring both recent and fresh evidence to their interpretation, it does offer new conclusions about those events, in general, implicitly rather than explicitly. Similarly, the financial interests involved have been dealt with from their own standpoint, but only in so far as there is any ground for belief that they did influence the making of foreign policy.

The work is based almost entirely on contemporary manuscript sources, memoirs, etc., from Great Britain and the United States, many of which have here been employed for the first time. The British side of the Anglo-American dialogue has not previously been presented comprehensively; the occasion of its presentation enables the American side, for the first time since the opening of the State Department files, to be reconsidered as a unity. The Wilson period is therefore related to its antecedents under Taft. Recent published work on Mexico, to which acknowledgement has been made where appropriate, has been incorporated. For the work itself, and the conclusions it presents, I am solely responsible.

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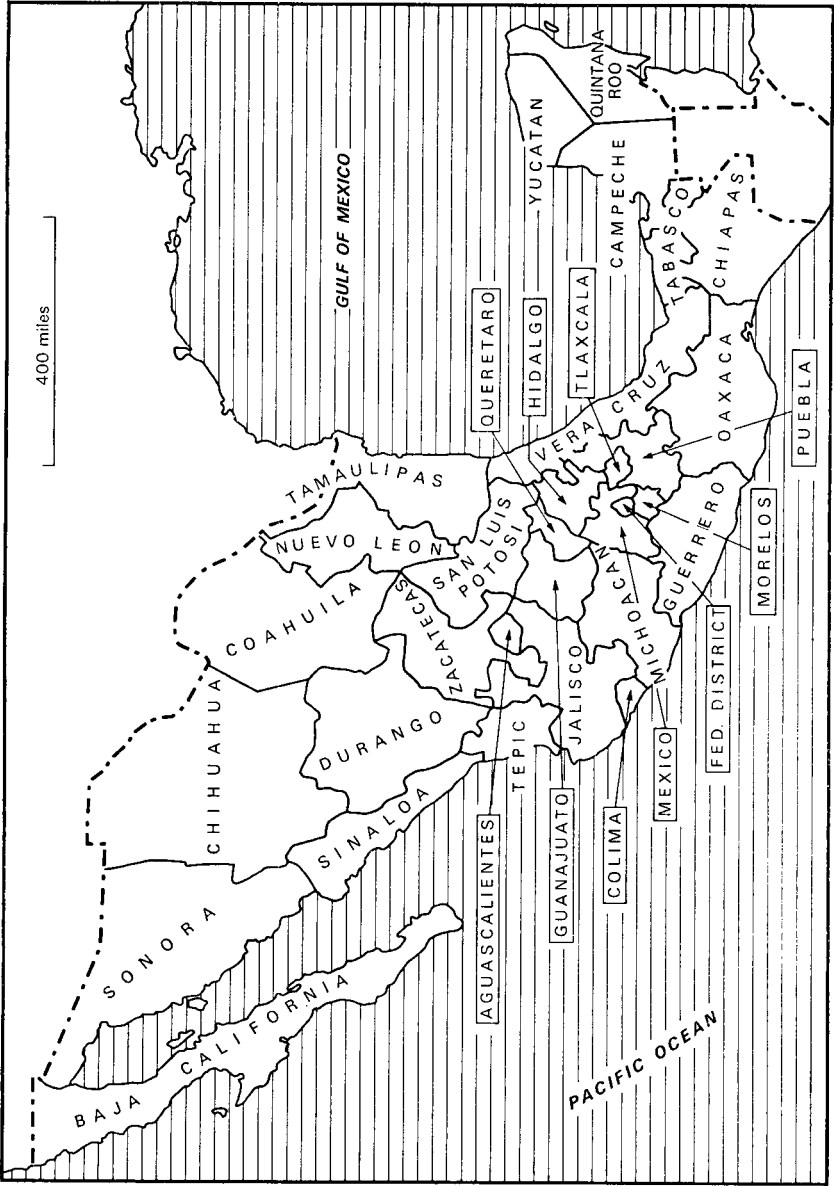
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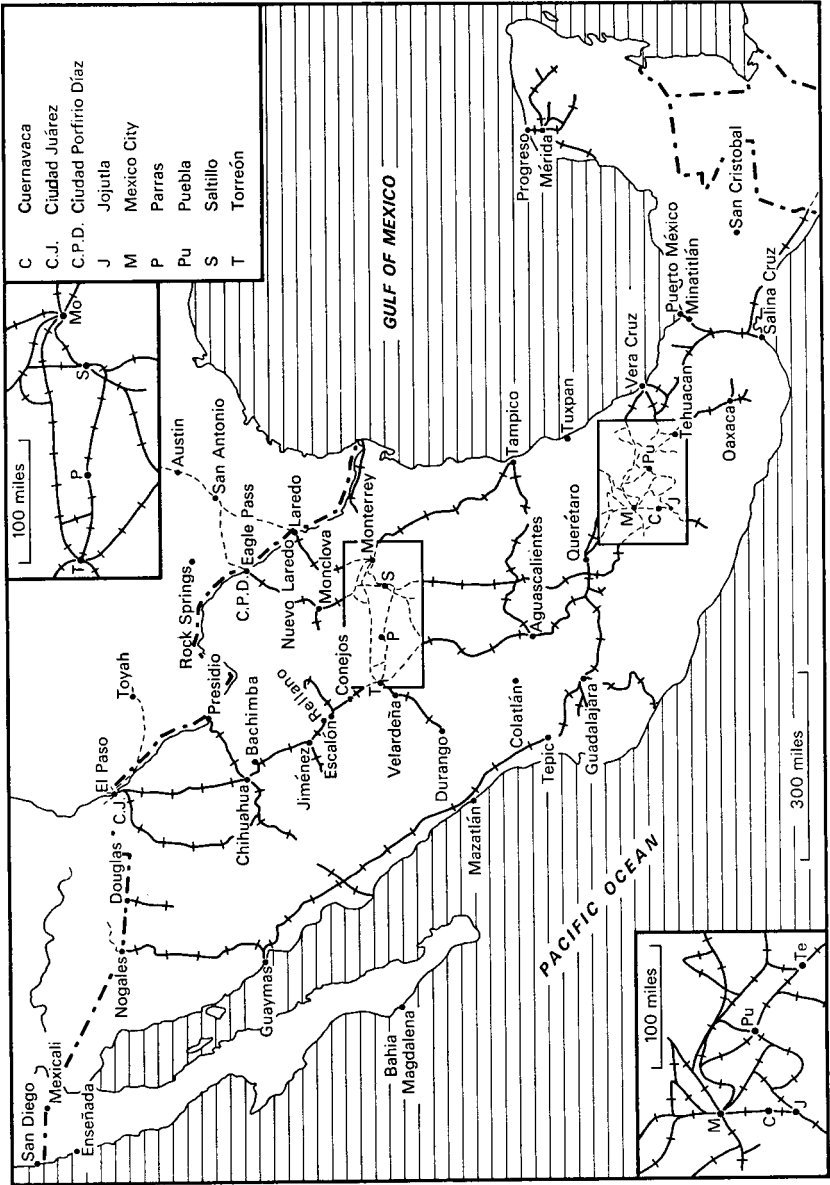
FO	Foreign Office Papers, London.
GFM	German Foreign Ministry Archives.
SDF	State Department Files.

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