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SUBJ: IR (U)

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1. (U) CTRY: REPUBLIC OF KOREA (KS)
2. (U) TITLE: CONTINUING STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS, AND
INSIGHT TO CAUSES (U)
3. (U) DATE OF INFO: 800514

6. (U) SOURCE: ONE-TIME SOURCE (OTS).

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7A. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: COLLEGE STUDENT PROVIDES INSIGHT INTO CONTINUING STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT KS UNTIL DEMANDS OF THE LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW AND GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS ARE HELD.

8A. [REDACTED] DETAILS: ON 14 MAY 80, A CHANCE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED FOR A DISCUSSION OF CURRENT STUDENT UNREST IN KS WITH A STUDENT WHO, FROM ALL INDICATIONS, IS A MEMBER OF, OR CLOSE TO, THE DECISION-MAKING CADRE COORDINATING THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES. THE SALIENT POINTS OF THE DISCUSSION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) [REDACTED] SOURCE, WHO PROVIDED ACCURATE ADVANCED INFORMATION ABOUT IMPENDING DEMONSTRATIONS HELD ON 14 MAY 80, ADVISED THAT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL UNTIL STUDENT'S DEMANDS (OR DEMANDS OF THE STUDENT DEMOCRATIC STRUGGLE COMMITTEE) WERE MET.

(2) [REDACTED] IN ORDER OF MERIT, THE DEMANDS ARE: (1) END OF MARTIAL LAW, AND (2) THE SETTING OF A DATE FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, WHEN THEORETICALLY GIVEN THESE POINTS, SOURCE RESPONDED THAT THERE WERE OTHER ELEMENTS OF STUDENT INTEREST - "THE PLIGHT OF THE WORKER." IN A CONFUSED DISCUSSION, SOURCE CONVEYED THE IDEA THAT LABOR UNION LEADERS WERE JAILED AS "MARXISTS" SO THE STUDENTS WOULD REPRESENT THE WORKERS. SOURCE DID NOT AMPLIFY THOUGHTS ON MARXISM OR IF THE STUDENTS SUPPORTED SUCH THOUGHTS.

(3) [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO OF ACTIVITIES ARE ANTICIPATED UNTIL DEMANDS ARE MET: DEMONSTRATIONS WILL CONTINUE. THERE IS A UNIVERSITY ANNIVERSARY ON 15 MAY 80, AND MANY STUDENTS WILL CELEBRATE OFF CAMPUS WITH SOME DEMONSTRATORS MOVING OFF CAMPUSES. THAT IS FOR THE 15TH AND DAYS TO FOLLOW. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES CAUSE THE GOVERNMENT TO CLOSE THE SCHOOLS, THEN AT 1800 HOURS ON THE DAY OF THE CLOSING, WHATEVER DAY THAT MIGHT BE, THE STUDENTS WILL BEGIN LARGE DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT KS. THROUGHOUT ALL OF THIS, SHOULD THE STUDENTS BE FIRED UPON WITH RESULTANT CASUALTIES FROM THE STUDENT RANKS, THEN THE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL NO LONGER BE "PEACEFUL." (COMMENT: SOURCE EMPHASIZED "PEACEFUL," BUT [REDACTED] PASSED THROUGH ONE

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[REDACTED]
SITE OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS HELD ON 14 MAY AND OBSERVED MANY "THROWING SIZE" ROCKS LITTERING THE HIGHWAY WHICH BESPOKE OF ANYTHING BUT "PEACEFUL.")

(4) [REDACTED] SOURCE OPINED THE NORTH KOREANS, LIKE THE STUDENTS, SAW THE ROKG AS BEING "WEAK." HOWEVER, SOURCE BECAME EVASIVE WHEN ASKED IF THE PRESENT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD NOT MAKE THE GOVERNMENT APPEAR EVEN WEAKER IN THE EYES OF THE NORTH, AND THAT PERHAPS THIS WOULD PROVIDE IMPETUS FOR A NORTH KOREAN INCURSION INTO THE SOUTH. IN A SIMILAR VEIN, SOURCE BECAME EVASIVE WHEN ASKED IF PERHAPS AGENTS OF THE NORTH WERE DIRECTING THE STUDENTS. (COMMENT: BEYOND BEING EVASIVE, SOURCE'S RE-ACTIONS GAVE [REDACTED] THE IMPRESSION THAT SOURCE KNEW OR BELIEVED NORTH KOREAN AGENTS WERE SOMEHOW INVOLVED AND THAT SOURCE POSSIBLY KNEW WHO THEY WERE. IT IS POINTED OUT THAT THIS IS ONLY AN INTUITIVE ESTIMATE BY [REDACTED] WITHOUT SUBSTANTIATION.)

(5) [REDACTED] IN A DISCUSSION OF "WHY NOW" INSTEAD OF "DURING THE PARK REGIME," SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT STUDENT INTEREST IN A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WAS PRESENT IN THE PAST, BUT THE KOREAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (KCIA), UNDER PARK, WAS SO STRONG THAT STUDENTS COULD NOT GET TOGETHER WITHOUT HAVING A KCIA AGENT REPORT MEETINGS AND STALEMATE ACTIONS. ASKED IF THIS WAS NOT STILL THE CASE, SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT AFTER 26 OCT 79 (DETH OF PARK), THERE WAS A BREAK-DOWN OF THE KCIA WHICH ALLOWED STUDENTS TO ORGANIZE. AND NOW, UNDER CHUN TU HWAN, THE KCIA WAS BT.

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AGAIN BECOMING STRONG, BUT THE STUDENTS WERE ALREADY ORGANIZED.

(6) SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT IN 1961, THE TIME OF THE "REVOLUTION" (WHEN PARK ASSUMED POWER), THE STUDENTS WERE STRONG AND BACKED PARK INITIALLY. "MR. CHUNG" (CHON TU HWAN) REMEMBERS THIS, AND WANTED TO KEEP THE STUDENTS CONFUSED AND OFF-BALANCE TO PREVENT ANOTHER "REVOLUTION." HOWEVER, THE STUDENTS WERE NOW STRONG AND ORGANIZED AND WANT THE YUSHIN GOVERNMENT EXCHANGED FOR A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. (COMMENT: SOURCE'S EXPLANATION OF THE

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[REDACTED]
"REVOLUTION" AND CHUN TU HWAN'S THOUGHTS WERE CONFUSING DUE TO SOURCE'S LIMITED ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY. THEREFORE, NO EXPLICIT EXPLANATIONS COULD BE DRAWN OUT CONCERNING CHUN TU HWAN'S POSITION IN THE THOUGHTS OF THE STUDENTS.)

(7) [REDACTED] SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS A CENTRAL LEADERSHIP DIRECTING/COORDINATING THE ACTIVITIES OF ALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES AT UNIVERSITIES IN SEOUL AND ITS ENVIRONS AS WELL AS OTHERS THROUGHOUT KS. SOURCE STOPPED SHORT OF IDENTIFYING THE LEADERSHIP, HIS PART, IF ANY, OR DIRECTLY COMMENTING ON SUPPORT/DIRECTION FROM NORTH KOREA.

(8) [REDACTED] SOURCE PROVIDED SEVERAL WRITTEN DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO BE HAND-OUTS FOR THE STUDENTS. ONE IS KNOWN TO BE THE "CHANT" THEY ARE USING IN THE STREETS, AND OTHERS MAY BE THE THOUGHTS OF THE DIRECTING BODY. THESE WILL BE TRANSLATED FOR LOCAL USE AND FORWARDED AT A LATER DATE.

8B. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHEN ASKED WHY IT WAS THAT SOURCE SEEMED TO BE WELL VERSED IN THE ACTIVITIES, YET WAS NOT IN THE STREETS TAKING PART IN DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH WERE ON-GOING AT THE TIME, SOURCE SIMPLY SMILED AND SAID, "I DID DEMONSTRATE ON CAMPUS." JOKINGLY, SOURCE WAS TOLD THAT SOURCE'S SITUATION APPEARED TO BE AKIN TO THAT OF A MILITARY COMMANDER WHO PLANNED A BATTLE THAT WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE SOLDIERS, AND AGAIN, HIS RESPONSE WAS ANOTHER SMILE.

(2) [REDACTED] THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PLACE SOURCE'S TRUE EMOTIONS OR FEELINGS ABOUT STUDENT INTENTIONS/DESIRES, AND IN FACT, SOURCE APPEARED TO SPEAK WITH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DETACHMENT. IN DISCUSSING THE MEETING OF STUDENT DEMANDS, AND GIVING IN TO EACH DEMAND TO SEEK A PROGRESSION OF WHERE THE STUDENTS WOULD

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ULTIMATELY CULMINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES, [REDACTED] GOT THE
IMPRESSION THAT A MORE EXPLICIT ANSWER WOULD HAVE BEEN --
"NEVER."

(3) [REDACTED] SOURCE'S RELIABILITY/ACCURACY HAS NOT BEEN
TESTED EXCEPT BY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY IR [REDACTED]
WHICH CITED INFORMATION THAT A DEMONSTRATION WOULD TAKE
PLACE LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF 14 MAY 1980, AND THIS WAS
PROVEN TO BE TRUE.

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