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E.D. 12065: GDS 5/27/86 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P  
TAGS: ASAC, PINS, KS  
SUBJECT: KOREAN SITREP, 1600, MAY 27, 1980REF: SEOUL 6689  
1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.2. KWANGJU. THE SITUATION IN KWANGJU IS STABLE, WITH NO  
REPORTED FIRING OR CIVIL DISTURBANCE. MARTIAL LAW COMMAND  
HAS ORDERED CIVILIANS TO HAND IN WEAPONS AND HAS BANNED  
BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ASSEMBLIES. THE MINISTER OF DE-  
FENSE AND VICE CHIEF OF STAFF OF ROKA ARE VISITING THE  
CITY.3. RELIEF SUPPLIES. IN SEOUL, PRESIDENT CHOI RECEIVED  
A BRIEFING FROM THE NATIONAL MARTIAL LAW COMMANDER ON THE  
SITUATION IN KWANGJU, AND ORDERED FORMATION OF A KWANGJU  
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION COMMITTEE TO BE CHAIRED BY THE  
MINISTER OF THE ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD. PRESS REPORTS  
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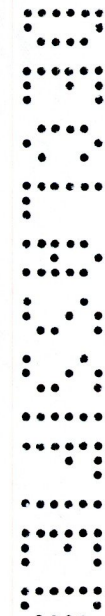
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INDICATE THAT FOOD, MEDICINES, AND OTHER RELIF SUPPLIES  
ARE MOVING INTO THE CITY.4. PUBLIC RELATIONS. THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND INFOR-  
MATION (MCI) RELEASED A STATEMENT OFFERING APOLOGIES AND  
CONDOLENCES TO THE PEOPLE OF KWANGJU FOR THEIR SUFFERING.  
HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO KWANGJU CITIZENS COMMITTEE'S  
EARLIER DEMANDS FOR OFFICIAL APOLOGIES; HIS WORDS, HOW-  
EVER, CAN CERTAINLY NOT HURT IN THE PROCESS OF REDUCING

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LOCAL IRE OVER THE PAST WEEK'S EVENTS.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS, NATIONALLY. PRESS PLAY MAY 27 EMPHASIZED THE ORDER THAT NOW PREVAILS IN KWANGJU, THE ORGANIZING OF RELIEF EFFORTS, THE MCI'S STATEMENTS, ETC. THE PROVINCIAL POLICE CHIEF IS REPORTED UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR HAVING LET MATTERS GET OUT OF CONTROL.

6. SEOUL RUMORS. TODAY'S RUMORS INCLUDE TWO PARTICULARLY WIDESPREAD: ONE IS THAT THERE WAS A PITCHED BATTLE IN KWANGJU THIS MORNING WITH OVER 1200 CASUALTIES (APPARENTLY UNTRUE). THE OTHER IS THAT STUDENTS ARE GOING TO DEMONSTRATE IN SEOUL TODAY. THE LATTER RUMOR HAS OCCURRED ALMOST DAILY AND HAS SO FAR PROVEN GROUNDESS, ALTHOUGH POLICE GUARDS DOWNTOWN HAVE BEEN DOUBLED.

7. THE PEOPLE'S LEAGUE FOR DEMOCRACY, WHOSE LEADERS INCLUDE KIM DAE JUNG (M-R: KIM TAE-CHUNG) AND FORMER PRESIDENT YUN PO SUN (M-R: YUN PO-SUN), ISSUED A STATEMENT CRITICIZING EVENTS IN KWANGJU AND AGAIN DEMANDING THAT LTG CHUN TU-HWAN (M-R: CHON TU-HWAN) RESIGN. JAPANESE PRESS PICKED UP THE ITEM, BUT THERE IS NO HINT OF IT IN THE ROK PRESS.

8. AMERICANS IN KWANGJU. MOFA ASKED MAY 26 FOR LIST OF CONFIDENTIAL  
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AMERICANS STILL IN KWANGJU, AND FURNISHED THE LIST OF NAMES WHICH WE SUPPLIED TO THE MARTIAL LAW COMMAND. MOFA ADVISED US TODAY THAT MLC "DID THEIR UTMOST" TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS IN KWANGJU AND THAT, AS OF 0930 MAY 27, THE MLC REPORTS THAT THERE ARE NO AMERICAN CASUALTIES IN THE CITY. GLEYSTEN

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