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MONEY" TO THOSE WHO LOST THEIR JOBS. IN ADDITION, MANY NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED. RELIEF-FUND DRIVES HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED IN PUSAN AND TAEGU, TWO CITIES IN WHICH SYMPATHY WITH KWANGJU HAS BEEN NOTABLY SPARSE, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF REGIONAL RIVALRIES; THE KOREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAYS IT WILL PROMOTE SPECIAL TAX-EXEMPTION SUPPORT FOR KWANGJU CITIZENS; BANKING INSTITUTIONS SAY THEY WILL "RENDER ACTIVE SUPPORT TO ENTERPRISES AND CUSTOMERS IN KWANGJU"; AND THE RED CROSS IS SHIPPING MEDICINES AND BLOOD TO THE CITY.

5. AMERICANS IN KWANGJU: AMERICANS WHO DEPARTED KWANGJU HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO RETURN. TRAVEL INTO THE CITY IS VERY DIFFICULT. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S MAY 25 ADVISORY TO FOREIGNERS TO LEAVE THE CITY HAS NOT YET BEEN RESCINDED. WF I EARNED FROM A I

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6. GOVERNING COUNCIL: AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS WIDELY EXPECTED MAY 27 TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD FORM A "SPECIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE" TO FUNCTION AS THE TOP CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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POLICY-MAKING ARM OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE ANNOUNCEMENT, HOWEVER, DID NOT OCCUR, AND THE ROK PRESS HAS NOT MENTIONED THE MATTER. ACCORDING TO A KYODO REPORT, THE COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE PRESIDENT AND INCLUDE: THE DIRECTOR OF THE KCIA, THE CHIEFS OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES, THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE, JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND "NON-GOVERNMENTAL PERSONS" TO BE NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT. KYODO ATTRIBUTES THE NON-ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE FOR "A COOLING PERIOD" FOR THE KOREAN PEOPLE IN THE AFTERMATH OF KWANGJU. THE FLOURISHING SEOUL RUMOR MILL ATTRIBUTES NON-ANNOUNCEMENT TO PRESSURE FROM THIS EMBASSY.

7. THE COUNCIL MAY, HOWEVER, BE FUNCTIONING ALREADY. ACCORDING TO A BRIEF RADIO NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT, AN INFORMAL CABINET MEETING WAS HELD THIS MORNING AT THE BLUE HOUSE. ELEVEN CABINET OFFICERS WERE ABSENT. THOSE ATTENDING WERE THOSE NAMED IN THE KYODO ACCOUNT, MINUS THE CHIEFS OF STAFF OF THE NAVY AND AIR FORCE, PLUS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD.

8. YUN PO-SUN (M-R: YUN PO-SUN) DENIES REPORT: FORMER PRESIDENT YUN PO-SUN'S SECRETARY VISITED EMBASSY TO SAY THAT YUN HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM (REF B, PARA 7). YUN FOUND THE STATEMENT INAPPROPRIATE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION. GLEYSTEN

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