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SUBJECT: **KOREAN SITREP 1600, MAY 28, 1980 -- FINAL
SITREP UNLESS EVENTS Dictate OTHERWISE

REF: (A) SEOUL 6724 (B) SEOUL 6709
1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT

2. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED A PROGRAM OF "COMPREHENSIVE FOLLOW-UP MEASURES" IN THE WAKE OF THE KWANGJU UPRISING. THE TOP TWO PRIORITIES ARE GIVEN AS: (1) PUBLIC RELATIONS TO PACIFY POPULAR SENTIMENT, AND (2) EFFORTS TO SUPPLY THE CITY WITH DAILY NECESSITIES.

3. SOME HEADS ROLL: THE GOVERNOR OF CHOLLA NAMDO PROVINCE AND THE PROVINCE'S POLICE CHIEF HAVE BEEN REPLACED. THE POLICE CHIEF IS UNDER MARTIAL LAW ARREST. THE GOVERNOR "RESIGNED, ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RIOT IN KWANGJU" (PRESS REPORT). THE OUTGOING GOVERNOR, ACCORDING CONFIDENTIAL

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TO A KYODO REPORT, INTERVENED SUCCESSFULLY AT ONE POINT TO PREVENT THE ARMY FROM SETTLING THE ISSUE IN KWANGJU BY FORCE. THE NEW GOVERNOR IS A CHOLLA NAMDO NATIVE AND A RETIRED GENERAL. IN ADDITION, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE KOREAN NATIONAL POLICE (KNP) HAS ALSO BEEN REPLACED.

4. KWANGJU: THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES IT WILL PAY FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR THOSE KILLED IN KWANGJU, PAY FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THOSE WOUNDED, AND "SUPPLY GRAIN...AND GIVE..."
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 TAEJU,
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 INSTITU-
TIONS 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TO FOREIGNERS TO LEAVE THE CITY HAS NOT YET BEEN RESCINDED.

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
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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
MINISTERS OF DEFENSE, JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENTAL
AFFAIRS, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND "NON-GOVERNMENTAL PER-
SONS" TO BE NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT. KYODO ATTRIBUTES
THE NON-ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE FOR A
"COOLING-OFF 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 IN-
APPROPRIATE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION. GLESTEEN