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E.O. 12065: GDS 6/27/80 (LEVINE, M.) OR-M
TAGS: PINS, PFOR, KS
SUBJECT: KWANGJU LIBRARY INCIDENT

REF: A. SEOUL 8080-C, B. SEOUL 8256-C

1. C ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN STILL ANOTHER APOLOGY FOR THE ENTRY OF ARMED KOREAN SOLDIERS INTO THE ICA KWANGJU LIBRARY JUNE 23, KWANGJU BPAO WAS VISITED JUNE 27 BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE 20TH DIVISION ROKA, WHO CAME TO EXPRESS "PROFOUND REGRETS" AND TO "CLEAR UP ANY MISUNDERSTANDING" OVER THE INCIDENT. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE INTRUDING SOLDIERS HAD BEEN ASKED TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE KWANGJU INCIDENTS AND WERE LOOKING FOR PHOTOGRAPHS TO DOCUMENT THEIR ACCOUNT. THE GENERAL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ICA WAS UPSET BY THE INCIDENT, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THE SOLDIERS CARRIED WEAPONS, AND PROMISED THAT THE INCIDENT WOULD NOT RECUR. (HE SAID HE EXPECTED HIS TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN SOON, AS THE SITUATION IN KWANGJU HAD "STABILIZED.") THE GENERAL SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE ICA CENTER IN SEOUL (WHERE THE 20TH
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DIVISION IS HEADQUARTERED) AND RECEIVED ICA PUBLICATIONS. HE WAS VERY COURTEOUS AND SPENT ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AT THE CENTER, ACCOMPANIED BY A REGIMENTAL COMMANDER WHOSE ENGLISH WAS MORE FLUENT. LEVINE

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