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2. AFTER AMBASSADOR'S PROTEST TO FOR REGARDING THE ENTRY THAT DAY OF FIVE INTO THE IOA KWANGJU LIBRARY (REFTEL OCCURRED:	E ARMED ROK SOLDIERS	••
3. ON JUNE 25, AN ARMY MAJOR IN THE OFFICE OF THE KWANGJU MARTIAL LAW COLIBRARY TO "CONFIRM" THE INCIDENT. IF HE WAS CALLING ONLY TO CONFIRM OR THE MAJOR REPLIED, "BOTH." HE WENT WAS NO QUESTION THAT THE SOLDIERS' E AND ADDED THAT THE MLC HAD NO PRIOR	OMMAND TELEPHONED THE ASKED BY THE LIBRARIAN R TO EXPRESS REGRET, ON TO SAY THAT THERE BEHAVIOR WAS IMPROPER,	• • • • •

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4. ON JUNE 26, AN ARMY COLONEL FROM THE SAME OFFICE VISITED THE LIBRARY TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE INCIDENT "AND, IF APPROPRIATE, TO APOLOGIZE." APPARENTLY SATISFIED BY THE ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT GIVEN TO HIM, HE THEN APOLO-GIZED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SOLDIERS. HE SAID HE UNDER-STOOD THE CONCERNS OF THE LIBRARY STAFF AND CONCEDED THAT THE SOLDIERS' CONDUCT WAS UNACCEPTABLE. HE OFFERED THE

HE SAID THE SOLDIERS WERE FROM THE 20TH DIVISION ROKA AND THAT THEY WERE PROBABLY SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT THEM-

EXPLANATION THAT THE SOLDIERS HAD BEEN ASKED TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE KWANGJU INCIDENTS AND, BEING GIVEN NO INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED, WENT TO THE ICA LIBRARY ON THEIR OWN FOR INFORMATION. THE COLONEL SAID THE SOLDIERS WERE NOT UNDER HIS JURISDICTION AND THAT THE 20TH DIVISION WOULD TAKE WHATEVER CORRECTIVE ACTION WAS REQUIRED. THE COLONEL'S MANNER THROUGHOUT THE INTERVIEW WAS POLITE AND SYMPATHETIC. HE WAS GIVEN A TOUR OF THE LIBRARY FACILITIES AND LEFT AFTER FORTY MINUTES.

5. COMMENT: APART FROM THE RAPID RESPONSE TO MAKE AMENDS FOR THE SOLDIERS' BEHAVIOR, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT SUCCEEDED IN THIS INSTANCE, IN EFFECTING PROMPT ACTION ON THE PART OF THE MARTIAL LAW ANTHORITIES. LEVINE

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