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E.O. 12065: GDS 06/27/86 (LEVINE, M) OR-M
 TAGS: PINS, SOPN, KS
 SUBJECT: KWANGJU LIBRARY INCIDENT

REF: SEOUL 08080

1. C ENTIRE TEXT.
 2. AFTER AMBASSADOR'S PROTEST TO FOREIGN MINISTER JUNE 23 REGARDING THE ENTRY THAT DAY OF FIVE ARMED ROK SOLDIERS INTO THE ICA KWANGJU LIBRARY (REFTEL), THE FOLLOWING OCCURRED:

3. ON JUNE 25, AN ARMY MAJOR IN THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE OF THE KWANGJU MARTIAL LAW COMMAND TELEPHONED THE LIBRARY TO "CONFIRM" THE INCIDENT. ASKED BY THE LIBRARIAN IF HE WAS CALLING ONLY TO CONFIRM OR TO EXPRESS REGRET, THE MAJOR REPLIED, "BOTH." HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT THE SOLDIERS' BEHAVIOR WAS IMPROPER, AND ADDED THAT THE MLC HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE VISIT. HE SAID THE SOLDIERS WERE FROM THE 20TH DIVISION ROKA AND THAT THEY WERE PROBABLY SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT THEM-
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SELVES IN ARTICLES OF TIME AND NEWSWEEK.

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 APOLOGIZED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SOLDIERS. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE CONCERNS OF THE LIBRARY STAFF AND CONCEDED THAT THE SOLDIERS' CONDUCT WAS UNACCEPTABLE. HE OFFERED THE



