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1. (U) CTRY: REPUBLIC OF KOREA (KS)
2. (U) TITLE: COMMENTS OF [REDACTED] RE
 RATIONAL FOR LTG ((CHON)) TU HWAN'S APPOINTMENT TO KCIA (U)
3. (U) DATE OF INFO: 800421

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6. (U) SOURCE: [REDACTED] SOURCE HAS REPORTED RELIABLY IN THE PAST. BY VIRTUE OF DUTY POSITION, SOURCE HAS ACCESS TO SUCH INFORMATION.

7. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: IN COMMENTS TO SOURCE DURING SOCIAL CONTACT ON 21 APRIL, [REDACTED] RATIONALIZED THE APPOINTMENT OF LTG CHON TU HWAN TO THE POSITION OF ACTING KCIA DIRECTOR. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE KCIA HAD BEEN ESSENTIALLY IN LIMBO SINCE LAST OCTOBER AND THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO APPOINT A STRONG PERSONALITY AS THE AGENCY HEAD IN ORDER TO REFORM AND REVITALIZE IT. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE APPOINTMENT WAS NOT PERMANENT, AND THAT LTG CHON DESIRED TO CONTINUE HIS MILITARY CAREER ONCE THIS PROCESS HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THE ROK INTERNAL SITUATION WAS STABILIZED. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE KOREAN MILITARY HAD NO DESIRE TO INTERFERE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS, BUT HAD A DUTY TO PROVIDE A STABILIZING INFLUENCE DURING DIFFICULT PERIOD IN KOREAN HISTORY. [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THAT FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW GOVERNMENT NEXT YEAR HE PLANNED TO RETIRE FROM THE ARMY, SINCE THE SITUATION WOULD THEN BE "CALM."

8. [REDACTED] ON A DIFFERENT TOPIC, [REDACTED] STATED THAT GOVERNMENT REACTION TO THE STUDENT DEFENSE CORPS ISSUE ON CAMPUS HAD THUS FAR BEEN MODERATE AND RESTRAINED. HE ALSO REMARKED THAT THERE WERE LIMITS TO HOW FAR THE AUTHORITIES COULD COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE HOWEVER, AND THAT THE IMMEDIATE DRAFTING OF STUDENTS WHO REFUSE MILITARY TRAINING WAS A DISTINCT AND INCREASING POSSIBILITY.

8A. (U) DETAILS: NONE.

8B. [REDACTED] THE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE PRIMARILY IN KOREAN AND COMMENTS ARE PARAPHRASED WITHIN THIS REPORT FOR PURPOSES OF CLARITY. [REDACTED] WAS PROBABLY AWARE THAT HIS REMARKS WOULD BE OFFICIALLY REPORTED AND MAY HAVE TAILORED THEM AS A RESULT

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OF THIS KNOWLEDGE. THE RECENT ELEVATION OF CHON TU HWAN TO
THE KCIA POST WILL LIKELY NEGATE THE TRADITIONAL ROK ARMY
REQUIREMENT THAT HE COMMAND A CORPS IN ORDER TO BE
QUALIFIED FOR FURTHER PROMOTION AND IF HE DOES INDEED
RETURN TO A MILITARY CAREER THE MOST LIKELY SPOT WOULD BE
AS CHIEF OF STAFF OR AS A MINIMUM TROOP COMMANDER.

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SUBJ: IR (U)

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2. (U) TITLE: ROK STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS (U)
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6. (U)

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7. SUMMARY: THIS REPORT TRANSMITS INFORMATION ABOUT ROK STUDENT UNREST, 15 MAY 80.

8A. (U) DETAILS:

(1) STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY 15 MAY 1980. IN SEOUL STUDENTS STAGED A MASSIVE SIT-IN AT THE SEOUL RAIL STATION. FROM THIS LOCATION THEY MADE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO MARCH THROUGH THE MAIN PART OF TOWN TO THE CAPITAL BUILDING. THESE ATTEMPTS TO MOVE INTO THE MAIN PART OF THE CITY WERE MET WITH STRONG RIOT POLICE ACTION. STUDENT RESPONSE ALTHOUGH STILL PRIMARILY "DARE-AND-RUN," INCLUDED ROCK THROWING

AND COMMANDEERING OF ABANDONED BUSES WHICH WERE DIRECTED INTO POLICE LINES, AS THE STUDENTS JUMPED CLEAR AND FLED BACK INTO THE STUDENT CONTINGENT. REPORTS INDICATE FOUR POLICEMEN WERE SERIOUSLY HURT BY THIS TACTIC, TWO ARE LISTED AS CRITICAL. RUNNING CONFRONTATIONS LASTED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 2130 HOURS.

(2) CAPITAL SECURITY COMMAND FORCES WERE AGAIN EVIDENT IN THE VICINITY OF THE CAPITAL BUILDING, BEING DEPLOYED THERE EARLY EVENING (1735 HOURS - LOCAL). FROM THE US EMBASSY GROUNDS, 33 APCs (6614) AND APPROXIMATELY ONE BATTALION OF MEN WERE VISIBLE. AT THIS LOCATION TROOPS AND STUDENTS DID NOT BECOME ENGAGED. HOWEVER IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE SIZE OF THE FORCE DEPLOYED 15 MAY WAS CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN THE FORCE USED ON 14 MAY.

(3) REPORTS FROM THE PROVINCIAL AREAS INDICATE STUDENTS CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE OFF CAMPUSES. TAEGU REPORTED SOME OF THE STRONGER CLASHES BETWEEN POLICE AND STUDENTS. KWANGJU REPORTED STUDENTS NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY 15,000 WERE DISRUPTING ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY.

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[REDACTED] ACCORDING TO POLICE SOURCES STUDENT IN-
JURIES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY LOW. INCLUSIVE OF 14 MAY 25
STUDENTS WERE REPORTED INJURED COUNTRY-WIDE WITH FOUR
HOSPITALIZED. THIS IS COMPARED WITH 258 POLICEMEN INJURED
AND 34 HOSPITALIZED. THIS RATIO SEEMS TO SUPPORT REPORTS
THAT POLICE ARE UTILIZING MINIMUM FORCE TO DISPERSE THE
STUDENTS. HOWEVER ON 15 MAY, PM ((SHIN)) HYON HWACK
PROMISED STERNER ACTIONS IF THE STUDENTS DID NOT CEASE.
WHETHER THIS MEANS STRONGER POLICE ACTION OR THE
INTRODUCTION OF THE MILITARY OR BOTH OF THE ABOVE IS NOT
CLEAR. AS REPORTED IN IR 6 855 0182 RM, FOUR UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENTS HAD INITIATED TALKS WITH THE PM AND EXPECTED
HIM TO APPEAR ON TV WITH A MODERATE MESSAGE PROMISING SOME
MORE CONCESSIONS. NOW INSTEAD HE HAS PROMISED A HARDER
LINE. THIS MISCALCULATION BY THE PRESIDENTS OR THIS
SWITCH IN POSITION BY THE PM (WHICH EVER IT IS) WILL
PROBABLY RESULT IN FURTHER ESCALATIONS BY THE STUDENT
LEADERSHIP.

88. [REDACTED] DESPITE STUDENT DECLARATIONS
THAT DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE SUSPENDED FOR 16 MAY, AS
PREDICTED BY A STUDENT SOURCE STUDENTS AND POLICE ARE IN
THE STREETS TODAY (16MAY80). ROK STUDENT UNREST CONTINUES.

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