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E.O. 12065: GDS 5/29/86 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P
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SUBJECT: RELIEF AND PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITY IN
- KWANGJU AREA

REF: (A) SEUL 6800 (B) FBIS OW281331
1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

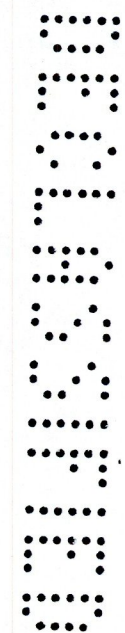
2. RELIEF ACTIVITIES (REF A) FOR KWANGJU APPEAR TO BE
GOING FORWARD WELL. RECONCILIATION MAY PROVE MORE DIFFI-
CULT.

3. RELIEF SUPPLIES BY ALL ACCOUNTS CONTINUE TO MOVE INTO
THE CITY. NEW RELIEF MEASURES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED AS
WELL, INCLUDING THE SENDING OF 12 MEDICAL TEAMS INTO THE
CITY AND THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO LOCAL BUSINESSMEN
WHOSE SHOPS WERE DAMAGED. THE ARMY WILL ALLOW A NO-
QUESTIONS-ASKED TURN-IN OF WEAPONS, ETC., LASTING THROUGH
JUNE 10. THESE AND OTHER MEASURES SHOULD HELP GET THE
CITY BACK TO NORMAL AND, WHILE NOT BILLED AS SUCH, THEY
CORRESPOND CLOSELY TO SOME OF THE DEMANDS MADE DURING THE
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PERIOD OF THE UPRISING BY THE KWANGJU CITIZENS' COMMITTEE.

4. AN INTERVIEW GRANTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THAT COMMITTEE,
ARCHBISHOP YUN, SUGGESTS THAT RECONCILIATION MAY BE LESS
EASY. THE BISHOP IS QUOTED AS HAVING TOLD AN AFP RE-
PORTER (REF B) THAT "THE PEOPLE'S MIND WOULD NOT BE
APPEASED" UNTIL THE MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES APOLOGIZED
FOR "BRUTALITY" DISPLAYED BY THEIR TROOPS.



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5. COMMENT: YUN'S FACTION WAS GENERALLY CONSIDERED THAT OF THE MODERATES WITHIN THE CITY. HOWEVER, AN OFFICIAL APOLOGY WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT BE FORTHCOMING. THE AUTHORITIES' APPROACH HAS BEEN TO CASTIGATE THOSE WHO DISRUPTED HARMONY AND ORDER IN KWANGJU. NORTH KOREAN INFILTRATORS, INCLUDING ONE WHO WAS CAPTURED AND WHOSE MISSION APPARENTLY WAS TO ENTER KWANGJU, HAVE RECEIVED MUCH PRESS PLAY; THE IMPLICATION HAS BEEN THAT "IMPURE ELEMENTS" AND COMMUNIST INSTIGATORS LAY BEHIND THE WHOLE AFFAIR. OFFICIAL SCAPEGOATS -- THE NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL POLICE CHIEFS AND THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR -- ALL HAVE COME FROM THE HOME MINISTRY, WHICH HAD LITTLE INVOLVEMENT IN SPARKING THE KWANGJU DISTURBANCES -- NONE ARE FROM THE ARMY. THE AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF OFFICIAL EXPRESSIONS OF "REGRET" ("YUGAM"), ETC., BUT THAT SEEMS TO BE ABOUT AS FAR AS THEY ARE WILLING TO GO IN THE DIRECTION OF AN APOLOGY. GLEYSTEN

doesn't bother him in the least

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