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1. (U) CTY: REPUBLIC OF KOREA (KS)
2. (U) TITLE: REMARKS OF CG, CAPITOL SECURITY COMMAND CONCERNING PRESENT STUDENT SITUATION AND USE OF TROOPS (U)
3. (U) DTD OF INFO: 800508

6. (U) SOURCE: PERSONAL CONVERSATION

7. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO CSC COR, MG ((NO))
TAE U, THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO USE TROOPS IN THE

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[REDACTED]
CAMPUS SITUATION. HE INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD BE A LAST RESORT, AND WOULD BE NECESSARY ONLY IF ALL OTHER MEASURES FAILED. MG NO STATED HIS OPINION THAT THE ROKG WAS NEARING THE END OF THEIR PATIENCE WITH THE STUDENTS, AND HAD ALREADY COMPROMISED ON MOST OF THE STUDENT'S DEMANDS. HE ASKED THAT THE USG NOT INTERPRET THE USE OF TROOPS AS A STEP AGAINST POLITICAL REFORM AND LIBERALIZATION, STATING THAT PUBLIC ORDER NECESSITATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDER TAKING FIRM ACTION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS TROOPS WERE WELL TRAINED IN CROWD CONTROL TECHNIQUES, AND WOULD NOT USE UNDUE FORCE IF CALLED UPON TO OCCUPY OR CLOSE DOWN THE CAMPUSES.

8A. [REDACTED] DETAILS:

- IN A LENGTHY AND WIDERANGING CONVERSATION WITH PREPARING OFFICER THE AFTERNOON OF 8 MAY, MG NO TAE U, CSC CMDR MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
- THE GOVERNMENT HAD ACQUIESCED TO MOST OF THE STUDENT DEMANDS, SUCH AS OUSTER OF YUSHIN PROFESSORS, END TO FACULTY NEPOTISM AND REVAMPING THE STUDENT DEFENSE CORPS.

- STUDENT DEMANDS HAD NOW REACHED THE POINT WHERE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES WERE INVOLVED AND IT WAS DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPROMISE FURTHER.

- STUDENTS WERE FREE TO DEMONSTRATE ON-CAMPUS, BUT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DEMONSTRATE OFF-CAMPUS.

- IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THE US GOVERNMENT REALIZE THE "TRUE SITUATION," AND SPECIFICALLY THAT THEY NOT MISINTERPRET THE POTENTIAL USE OF TROOPS TO QUIET THE CAMPUSES AS IN ANY WAY SIGNALING AN EFFORT TO STIFLE DEMOCRATIC REFORM OR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

8B. [REDACTED] THIS IR PROVIDES ONLY BRIEF HIGHLIGHTS OF A TIME SENSITIVE NATURE. MG NO IS A KMA CLASS 11 AND CLOSE CONFIDANT OF LTG ((CHON)) TU HWAN, DSC AND ACTING KCIA CHIEF. OTHER AREAS DISCUSSED WERE MORE PHILOSOPHICAL IN NATURE AND COVERED POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, RATIONALE OF THE 12/12 INCIDENT, AND OBJECTIVES OF THE KMA CLASS 11 GROUP. A FULL REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED WITH-

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9. (U) PROJECT NO: N/A
10. (U) COLL MGT CODES: NONE
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