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SUBJ: IR [REDACTED] (U)

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1. (U) CTRY: REPUBLIC OF KOREA (KS)
2. (U) TITLE: ROK ARMY AND STUDENT UNREST (U)
3. (U) DATE OF INFO: 800516

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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: THIS REPORT TRANSMITS INFORMATION ABOUT ROK ARMY VIEWS CONCERNING STUDENT UNREST.

8A. (U) DETAILS:

(1) [REDACTED] SOURCE REPORTS THAT ROK ARMY'S ASSESSMENT SHOWS THAT 40 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION IS AGAINST THE STUDENT'S ACTIVITIES. THEY FEEL THIS IS NOT ENOUGH OPPOSITION FOR THE STUDENT CAUSE TO SUPPORT ARMY DEPLOYMENT. THE ARMY LEADERSHIP FEELS THAT A 70 PERCENT POPULAR OPPOSITION TO THE STUDENT EFFORTS IS REQUIRED BEFORE ARMY UNITS SHOULD BE COMMITTED IN AN ALL OUT EFFORT. SOURCE NOTED NOTHING CAN BE DONE UNTIL PRESIDENT ((CHOI)) KYU HAH RETURNS FROM THE M.E. HE SAID THE DEFENSE LEADERSHIP IS TOO CONCERNED WITH THE LEGAL QUESTION WITH THE PRESIDENT NOT PRESENT. ALSO THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH FOREIGN PRESS COVERAGE AND THE REACTION THE USG WILL HAVE WHEN THE MILITARY IS COMMITTED.

(2) [REDACTED] SOURCE SAID THE MILITARY HAS ADEQUATE PROOF THAT ((KIM)) TAE JUNG HAS BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH INCITING STUDENTS TO RIOT. SOURCE SAID KIM TAE JUNG WILL BE ARRESTED NEXT WEEK AT THE LATEST. HE SAID THEY WERE WAITING FOR A MAJOR INCIDENT TO HAPPEN IN ORDER TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR KIM'S ARREST. SOURCE SAID DEFENSE LEADERS WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT USG REACTION WOULD BE TO KIM'S ARREST.

8B. [REDACTED] THE ABOVE SHOWS THE ROK ARMY POISED TO SPRING INTO ACTION. WE CONTINUE TO HEAR THAT SF IS POSITIONED IN KEY SPOTS IN THE CITY FOR WHEN THE ORDER IS GIVEN. OBVIOUSLY CSC'S TWO DEPLOYMENTS ARE NOT LOOKED ON AS MILITARY COMMITMENT AGAINST THE STUDENTS, BUT AS PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE CAPITAL AREA. THE KIM TAE JUNG INVOLVEMENT IS WIDELY ALLEGED. IF HE WERE TO BE ARRESTED, IT WOULD LIKELY CAUSE SERIOUS REACTION AMONG THE STUDENTS. NO DOUBT THE ARMY LEADERSHIP CAN SEE THIS POSSIBILITY TOO.

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IF ONE WANTED TO ESCALATE STUDENT RESPONSES, THE ARREST OF KIM WOULD BE A GOOD TACTIC TO USE.

9. (U) PROJ NO: N/A
10. (U) COLL MGMT CODES: NONE.
11. (U) SPEC INST: DIRC-NO.
12. (U) PREP BY: [REDACTED]
13. (U) APP BY: [REDACTED]
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