

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
MESSAGE CENTER

RECEIVED

VZCZCMAY922
MULT

ZYUW

MAY 20 1980

61378

SECT 01 FOR 61378

Sect 1-2 of 2

ACTION
DIA:
DISTR

J5(02) J3:NMCC NIDS SECDEF(07) SECDEF: USDP(15) ATSD:AE(01)
ASD:PA&E(01) :DIA(20) NMIC
CMC:CC WASHINGTON DC
CSAF WASHINGTON DC
CNO WASHINGTON DC
CSA WASHINGTON DC
NSA WASH DC
FILE

306350
306352 } KS
103230

(046)

TRANSIT/1400749/1400832/000:43TOR1400806
DE RUEHULA #6320 1400749
ZNY
O 190738Z MAY 80

TO RUEKJCS/DIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RUHQHQA/COMIPAC HONOLULU HI//IPAC/IC IMMEDIATE
RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC//DDO-INT-RQ IMMEDIATE
INFO RUAGOTC/CDR501MIGP SEOUL KS PRIORITY
RUAGAAA/COMUSKOREA SEOUL KS//BJ-18-H PRIORITY
RUHQHQA/CINCPAC HONOLULU HI PRIORITY
BT

041

SECTION 01 OF 02

DIA FOR: DC-1A/CCF, DC-4, DC-4A, JSI-3C, DB-20, DC-2C1.

SUBJ: IR (U)

THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL.

1. (U) CTRY: REPUBLIC OF KOREA (KS)
2. (U) TITLE: STUDENT UNREST (U)
3. (U) DATE OF INFO: 800518
- 4.
- 5.

PAGE 1

00101110

46

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

MESSAGE CENTER

PAGE 2

61378

6. (U) SOURCE: SENIOR ROK EDUCATOR.

7. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: THIS REPORT TRANSMITS THOUGHTS AND REACTIONS OF A SENIOR ROK EDUCATOR IN THE EARLY HOURS AFTER FULL ML WAS ANNOUNCED.

8A. [REDACTED] DETAILS: IT WAS APPARENT THAT SOURCE WAS VERY LET DOWN BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF TOTAL MARTIAL LAW (ML), AND THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE ROK MILITARY'S INCREASED CONTROL OVER THE COUNTRY. IN EARLIER CONVERSATIONS, IR [REDACTED] SOURCE WAS VERY SURE OF WHAT THE NEXT MOVES SHOULD BE. NOW HE APPEARED CONFUSED AND DOUBTFUL AS TO WHAT COULD BE DONE. HE DEPLORED THE LACK OF RESPONSE FROM OTHER ELEMENTS OF ROK SOCIETY IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDENT'S EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AN IMPROVED FORM OF GOVERNMENT. HE DID NOT FULLY DISMISS THE THREAT FROM THE NORTH MENTIONED IN THE ML ANNOUNCEMENT BUT CALCULATED THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT'S ASSESSMENT WAS GREATLY EXAGGERATED AND COULD POSSIBLY BE PURE FICTION. EARLIER HE HAD SAID, THE STUDENTS WOULD IMMEDIATELY CHALLENGE SCHOOL CLOSINGS. HOWEVER THIS STATEMENT HAD BEEN PREDICATED ON THE ML STATUS REMAINING UNCHANGED. NOW SOURCE FELT THE STUDENTS NEEDED TIME TO REVIEW THE SITUATION. HE COULD NOT SAY DEFINITELY THAT THEY WOULD DARE STREET ACTION AGAIN, HOWEVER HE DID NOT RULE IT OUT. THE CRITICAL CALCULATION IS WHAT MORE UNREST MAY OR MAY NOT ACHIEVE. CONSISTENTLY STUDENTS HAVE NOT WANTED TO STRAIN THE SITUATION TO THE EXTENT THAT ((CHON)) TU HWAN WOULD HAVE A SITUATION WHICH JUSTIFIED HIS TAKING OVER THE GOVERNMENT FULLY. THIS INTENTION FROM A PURELY PROGNATIC VIEW-POINT MAY BE MEANINGLESS BASED ON THE PRESENT ML POSTURE OF THE ROK ARMY. SOURCE REALIZES THAT ADDITIONAL UNREST COULD BRING A MILITARY RESPONSE THAT FINALLY ELIMINATES THE LAST CONNECTION WITH A LEGAL CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT AND PLACE THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP OVERTLY IN TOTAL POWER. HE FELT STUDENT ACTIONS ON 13-15 MAY WERE GENERALLY KEYED IN A SUFFICIENTLY CONSTRAINED MANNER NOT TO JUSTIFY THE INCREASED ML. SOURCE WAS UNPREPARED TO DISCUSS THE ARREST OF SEVERAL PROMINENT ROK PERSONALITIES. HE DID EXPLAIN THAT STUDENT DEMANDS FOR THE OUSTER OF CORRUPT POLITICIANS WAS DIRECTED AT PM

PAGE 2

00101110

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

MESSAGE CENTER

61378

PAGE 3

[REDACTED]
((SHIN)) AND DEFINITELY NOT DIRECTED AT EITHER ((KIM))
TAE CHUNG OR ((KIM)) JONG PIL. SOURCE REFLECTED THAT THE
CHANCE FOR SOCIAL UNREST IS VERY LIKELY. HE ENUMERATED:

(1) STUDENTS WILL PROBABLY TEST ML AFTER SEEKING
BROADER SUPPORT FROM OTHER ELEMENTS.

(2) PROTESTS FROM THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ARE LIKELY TO OCCUR.

(3) LABOR IF NOT ACCOMODATED IN SOMEWAY IS NOT APT TO
SIT IDLY BY, BUT MAY DO THEIR VOICE TO THOSE PROTESTING
THE PRESENT SITUATION.

SOURCE SPECULATED THE CHANCES THAT ML WILL BE TESTED ARE
LIKELY. HE REPEATEDLY QUESTIONED LTG OHON'S ROLE IN
ALL OF THE ABOVE. IT WAS APPARENT THE KCIA CHIEF DOES NOT
ENJOY GREAT CREDIBILITY WITH THOSE FROM ACADEMIA.

88. [REDACTED] SOURCE WAS VERY UPSET AND DIS-
TURBED BY EVENTS OF 17-18 MAY. ALSO HE WAS CONCERNED THAT
AMERICANS UNDERSTAND THE FULL RAMIFICATIONS OF THE CHOI
GOVERNMENT'S MOVE.

9. (U) PROJ. NO: N/A.

BT

#6320

ANNOTES

ABW 117

PAGE 3

NNNN

190832Z

00101110

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

MESSAGE CENTER

VZCZCMAY923ARA,
MULT

ZYUW

61380
SECT 02 OF 61378

ACTION

DIA:

DISTR

J5(02) J3:NMCC NIDS SECDEF(07) SECDEF: USDP(15) ATSD:AE(01)

ASD:PA&E(01) :DIA(20) NMIC

- CMC-CC WASHINGTON DC

- CSAF WASHINGTON DC

- CNO WASHINGTON DC

- CSA WASHINGTON DC

- NSA WASH DC

FILE

(046)

TRANSIT/1400756/1400833/000137TOR1400807

DE RUEHULA #6320 1400756

ZNY

O 190738Z MAY 80

TO RUEKJCS/DIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RUHQHQA/COMIPAC HONOLULU HI//IPAC/IC IMMEDIATE
RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC//DDO-INT-RQ IMMEDIATE
INFO RUAGOTC/CDR501MIGP SEOUL KS PRIORITY
RUAGAAA/COMUSKOREA SEOUL KS//BJ-IS-H PRIORITY
RUHQHQA/CINCPAC HONOLULU HI PRIORITY

BT

SECTION 02 OF 02

10. (U) COLL MGMT CODES: AB
11. (U) SPEC INST: DIRC-NO.
12. (U) PREP BY:
13. (U) APP BY:
14. (U) REQ EVAL: NO; REL TO: NONE.
15. (U) ENCL: N/A
16. (U) DIST BY ORIG: N/A

BT

#6320

ANNOTES

ABW 117
PAGE 1

00101110