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E.O. 12055      GDS 10/27/86 (GLEYSTEN, W. H.) OR-M  
TAGS: SHUM, SOPN, KS, US  
SUBJECT: SUGGESTED PRESS GUIDANCE ON SENTENCE OF 175  
IN KWANGJU

REF: SEOUL 14053 *R*

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SHOULD THE QUESTION OF THE SENTENCES IMPOSED ON THE 175 DEFENDANTS AT THE COURT MARTIAL IN KWANGJU (REFTEL) ARISE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S NOON BRIEFING, EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES THAT SPOKESMAN FOCUS ON OUR ABHORRENCE OF SECRET TRIALS, BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH FACTS TO ADDRESS THE LEGALITIES OR JUSTICE OF THE INDIVIDUAL SENTENCES. IN ADDITION, THE LEGAL PROCESS IS STILL IN TRAIN. THE DEATH SENTENCES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY APPEALED THROUGH ANOTHER COURT MARTIAL AND THE SUPREME COURT, AND AT LEAST SOME OF THOSE WHO RECEIVED JAIL TERMS WILL APPEAL THEIR CONVICTIONS. GLEYSTEN

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