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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 15979

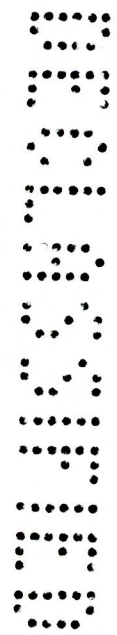
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 TAGS: SHUM, PINT, PINS, MPOL, KS  
 SUBJECT: UPDATE ON MARTIAL LAW SITUATION OCTOBER 22

REF: (A) SEOUL 15847, (B) SEOUL 15909  
 1. (U) THE SITUATION IN THE PUSAN AREA SEEMS GENERALLY  
 QUIET, ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT EXTENDED THE CURFEW HOURS  
 AND PLACED THE NEARBY TOWNS OF MASAN AND CHANGWON UNDER  
 "GARRISON DECREE" AT 1200 OCTOBER 20. GARRISON DECREE  
 IS ONE STEP LESS THAN MARTIAL LAW AND ALLOWS ARMED FORCES  
 SURVEILLANCE OF TOWNS AND THE ARREST OF OFFENDERS BY THE  
 MILITARY. ALTHOUGH THOSE ARRESTED ARE TO BE TURNED OVER  
 TO LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.

2. (U) THE DECISION TO IMPOSE GARRISON DECREE NOW IN  
 EFFECT IN MASAN AND CHANGWON WAS TAKEN AFTER DEMONSTRATIONS  
 BROKE OUT IN MASAN OCTOBER 18 AND 19. THE MASAN  
 POLICE CHIEF, IN EXPLAINING THE DECISION, SAID THAT A  
 STATE OF "NEAR PANDEMONIUM" HAD EXISTED AFTER THOSE  
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DISTURBANCES. THE CHIEF, WHO BLAMED THE TROUBLES ON  
 "IMPURE ELEMENTS", SAID THAT MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AND  
 EVEN A HOMEMADE FIREARM HAD BEEN FOUND AFTER THE TROUBLE.  
 THE POLICE CHIEF SAID THAT THE FIREARM, WHICH HAD BEEN  
 FOUND AFTER BEING ABANDONED BY A MAN WHOM THE POLICE  
 WERE CHASING, WAS PROBABLY TO HAVE BEEN USED BY THE  
 MAN TO KILL OTHER DEMONSTRATORS. THE OTHER DEMONSTRATORS,  
 SAID THAT CHIEF, WOULD THEN BLAME THE POLICE FOR THE  
 DEATHS AND THE RIOTS WOULD BECOME MORE SEVERE. REPORTEDLY



FEMALE WORKERS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN MASAN DEMONSTRATION AND TWO STUDENTS FROM SEOUL'S KOREA UNIVERSITY WERE DETAINED THERE AS "INSTIGATORS".

3. (C) CENSORSHIP HAS BEEN STRICT, AND A LIAISON OFFICE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN SEOUL TO MONITOR REPORTS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN PUSAN AND OTHER CITIES AFFECTED BY THE DISTURBANCES. PUSAN BPAO SAYS THAT CONTROL IN THE CITY IS VERY TIGHT, AND THAT REPORTERS WHO HAD COME TO PUSAN TO COVER THE STORY ARE RETURNING TO SEOUL FOR LACK OF ANYTHING TO DO.

4. (C) ~~USPOA~~ BPAO KWANGJU REPORTS THAT SOMEONE SET A FIRE IN THE STUDENT COUNSELING CENTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT CHONNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 17. THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE IS UNKNOWN; SUPPOSEDLY ALL NIGHT GUARDS ON DUTY THAT EVENING HAVE BEEN FIRED. SOME PROFESSORS ARE SUPPOSEDLY SLEEPING IN THEIR OFFICES. CHONNAM STUDENTS ALSO REPORT RECEIVING LETTERS FROM PERSONS PURPORTING TO BE STUDENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY URGING THEM TO DEMONSTRATE.

5. (C) PEOPLE WE HAVE TALKED TO BELIEVE GOVT CONTROL OVER SITUATION BASICALLY UNCHALLENGED, BUT THEY FEEL CONFIDENTIAL.  
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FURTHER SPORADIC STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS POSSIBLE. GOVT, IN FACT, SEEMS TO BE TAKING PRECAUTIONS TO HEAD OFF SUCH EVENTUALITY AND WE HAVE REPORTS KYONGBUK UNIVERSITY IN TAEGU HAS BEEN CLOSED THIS WEEK FOR "HOME STUDY" AND 22 STUDENTS WERE SUSPENDED FROM CLASSES AT SNU FOR THE TIME BEING.

6. (C) PEOPLE ARE STILL CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN PUSAN AND SURROUNDING CITIES, ALTHOUGH THE INITIAL SHOCK SEEMS TO HAVE WORN OFF SOMEWHAT. WE HAVE HEARD EXPRESSIONS OF SURPRISE THAT SO MANY NON-STUDENTS WERE APPARENTLY INVOLVED IN THE DISTURBANCES, AND MOST PEOPLE DOUBT THAT THESE WERE THE "HOODLUMS" AND "IMPURE ELEMENTS" THAT THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THEY WERE. NONE OF OUR CONTACTS, INCLUDING THE DISSIDENTS, SEE THE CURRENT SITUATION IN PUSAN AS AN INDICATION THAT THE PARK GOVERNMENT FACES REAL PROBLEMS IN STAYING AFLOAT. GLEYSTEN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 16063

EO 12065: XDS-4 10/23/89 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P  
 TAGS: SHUM, PINS, PINT, MPOL, KS  
 SUBJECT: ROK MARTIAL LAW SITUATION OCTOBER 23

REF: SEQU 149796

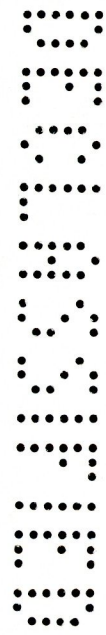
1. (C) SUMMARY: SITUATION REMAINS CALM. RULING DEMOCR-

ATIC REPUBLICAN PARTY AND OPPOSITION EZIDEMOCRATIC  
 PARTY SHOW SIGNS OF RELAXING TWSIONS. PRIME MINISTER  
 CHOI SHU-HA BEGINS ANNUAL SERIES OF SECURITY BRIEFINGS  
 FOR PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS WITH MEETING IN KANGWONDO. THE  
 MEDIA REPORTS NORTH KOREAN ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO  
 PUSAN/MASAN DEMONSTRATIONS AND THE ROKG EMPHASIZES THAT  
 DISTURBANCES IN THE SOUTH HELP ONLY THE COMMUNISTS.  
 MANY OBSERVERS FEEL THAT THE SITUATION WILL REMAIN  
 UNDER CONTROL BUT WITH SPORADIC INCIDENTS STILL POS-  
 SIBLE. END SUMMARY.

2. (C) WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTS ON ANY NEW INCIDENTS.  
 THE SITUATION IN VASAN AND MASAN APPEARS CALM, AND  
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CAMPUSES ELSEWHERE ARE QUIET. THE GOVERNOR OF  
 KYONGSANGNAMDO HAS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO LIFT MASAN'S  
 GARRISON DECREE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MARTIAL LAW  
 AUTHORITIES REPORT THE ARREST OF TWO PERSONS IN PUSAN  
 FOR SPREADING "WILD STORIES", INCLUDING RUMORS ABOUT  
 ONE DEATH AND TWO SUICIDES DURING LAST WEEK'S DISTUR-  
 BANCES. APROPOS OF REPORTED DEATHS IN PUSAN, REP. CHONG  
 CHOE-WON, ACTING NDP SPOKESMAN, TOLD PRESS THAT PARTY HAD  
 RECEIVED PROTEST FROM ROKG OVER "RUMORS". REP. CHONG



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TOLD PRESS NDP HAD NOT RECEIVED PETITIONS FROM FAMILIES (OF SUPPOSED VICTIMS) NOR HAD PARTY CONDUCTED ANY INVESTIGATION OF ITS OWN.

3. (U) ACCORDING TO REPORTS, THE RULING DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE ROKG-APPOINTED YUJONGHOE PLAN TO DELAY THE REOPENING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION FOR ONE WEEK MORE, TO NOVEMBER ONE, TO ENCOURAGE THE OPPOSITION NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO RETURN. IN CONTRAST TO THE PREVIOUS HARDLINE POSITION THAT THE ASSEMBLY WOULD DISCUSS THE MASS NDP RESIGNATION AFTER DELIBERATION ON THE NEW BUDGET, EVEN THE YUJONGHOE HAS DECIDED "RECONCILIATION" BETWEEN THE TWO CAMPS MUST BE ACHIEVED BEFOREHAND. THE DRP HAS ALSO BACKED DOWN FROM ITS PREVIOUS INTENTION TO SELECTIVELY ACCEPT SOME NDP RESIGNATIONS AND REJECT THE OTHERS, NOW INTENDING TO REJECT ALL RESIGNATIONS. IN THE HOPE THAT THE NDP WILL RETURN TO THE ASSEMBLY.

4. (U) PRIME MINISTER CHOI KYU-HA OPENED THE FIRST IN AN ANNUAL SERIES OF SECURITY BRIEFINGS FOR PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS IN CHUNGCHEONG, KANGWONDO, AND EMPHASIZED THAT ATTEMPTS TO DISRUPT PUBLIC ORDER ("WHATEVER THEIR MOTIVES") ONLY BENEFIT THE NORTHERN COMMUNISTS AND WILL BE DEALT WITH SEVERELY. CHOI REFERRED TO RECENT NORTH KOREAN STATEMENTS AND RALLIES ON THE PUSAN/MASAN INCIDENTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE ROK MEDIA, AS EVIDENCE THAT "STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN OUR COUNTRY CANNOT BE VIEWED MERELY AS SUCH UNDER THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES FACING THIS NATION".

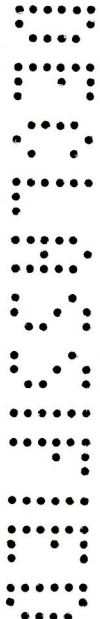
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5. (C) COMMENT: MANY OBSERVERS FEEL THAT THE WORST OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE PASSED AND THAT THE ROKG WILL NOT BE CAUGHT OFF GUARD AGAIN. IN THEIR VIEW, SUCH DISTURBANCES WHICH DO OCCUR IN THE FUTURE ARE EXPECTED TO BE SPORADIC AND CONTAINED. HOWEVER, THERE REMAINS EXPECTATION THAT DEMONSTRATIONS COULD RECUR AT ANY TIME IN ANY LOCATION. GLEYSTEN

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EO 12065 N/A  
 TAGS: SHUM, PINS, PINT, MPOL, KS  
 SUBJECT: ROK MARTIAL LAW SITUATION OCTOBER 24  
 REF: SEOUL 16063

SITUATION QUIET. CURFEW IN PUSAN/MASAN AREA RESTORED TO  
 USUAL 2400-0400 PERIOD. YONGNAM UNIVERSITY IN TAEGU  
 HAS BEGUN A TEN-DAY CLASS RECESS. PRESS REPORTED DRP  
 DECISION TO RETURN RESIGNATIONS TO ALL NDP ASSEMBLYMEN.  
 PRESS ALSO REPORTS OTHER EFFORTS BY POLITICAL LEADERS TO  
 BREAK IMPASSE IN PARTY RELATIONS, BUT EARLY REACTION OF  
 NDP SPOKESMAN WAS RESERVED. GLEYSTEN

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INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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EO 12065 GDS 10/25/85 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P  
TAGS: SHUM, PINS, MPOL, PINT, KS  
SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS IN PUSAN AREA

REF: SEOUL 15909

(C) WE ARE COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM ALL SOURCES -- TWO  
OF OUR OFFICERS ARE NOW IN PUSAN -- TO FASHIONBETTER  
ANALYSIS OF RECENT DISTURBANCES IN PUSAN/MASAN AREA. AT  
THIS STAGE IT APPEARS THAT BASIC CAUSES OF DEMONSTRATIONS  
WERE ECONOMIC, SET AGAINST HEIGHTENED POLICAL TENSION OF  
PAST FEW WEEKS. ONE SOURCE DESCRIBED THE EVENTS TO ME AS  
HAVING SOME ELEMENT OF "CLASS WARFARE" AND HENCE A SOURCE  
OF VERY SERIOUS CONCERN TO THE GOVERNMENT. IF THIS  
ASSUMPTION PROVES OUT, IT POSES MORE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM  
FOR PARK THAN WOULD MERE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS.  
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TAGS: SHUN, PINS, PINT, KS  
SUBJECT: ROK MARTIAL LAW SITUATION OCTOBER 25  
REF: SEUL 16129

1. SITUATION HAS REMAINED CALM. MARTIAL LAW WITH USUAL CURFEW HOURS IN PUSAN AND GARRISON LAW IN MASAN CONTINUE. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MET BRIEFLY MORNING OF OCTOBER 25 WITH ONLY RULING PARTY MEMBERS PRESENT AND ADJOURNED UNTIL OCTOBER 31.

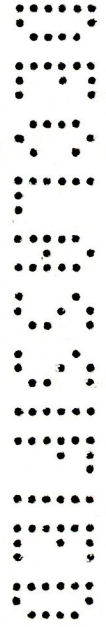
2. NDP POLITICAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL ADOPTED RESOLUTION SAYING PARTY WILL NOT RETURN TO ASSEMBLY UNTIL GOVT SHOWS SINCERITY IN SETTling BASIC ISSUE. BASIC ISSUE DEFINED AS CREATION OF A SYSTEM FOR PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER. RESOLUTION CALLED UPON ROKG TO CEASE OPPRESSING OPPOSITION AND GRANT FREEDOM TO PRESS. NDP ALSO CRITICIZED NORTH KOREA FOR PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT PROBLEMS IN ROK.

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EO 12065: GDS 10/26/85 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P  
TAGS: SHUM, PINS, PINT, KS  
SUBJECT: ROK MARTIAL LAW SITUATION OCTOBER 26

REF: SEOUL 16217 ✓

(C) PUSAN AND MASAN REMAINED QUIET. NO FURTHER REPORTS  
OF STUDENT PROBLEMS HAVE COME FROM TAEGU WHERE CAMPUS  
DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY. THERE WERE SIGNS  
OF UNREST AT EHYWA AND YONSEI UNIVERSITIES IN SEOUL  
OCTOBER 29 BUT THEY PRODUCED NO SIGNIFICANT DISTURBANCE  
OF PEACE. RUMORS OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN SEOUL  
WEEK OF OCTOBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 2 NOW IN CIRCULATION.  
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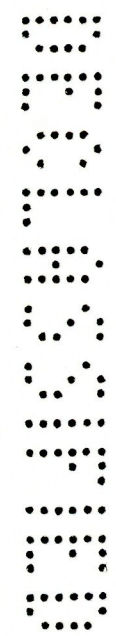
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 SUBJECT: EMBASSY THOUGHTS ON CURRENT MOOD FOLLOWING  
 DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW IN PUSAN

REF: SEOUL 15817

- (C) ENTIRE TEXT.
  - THE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS IS THE FULL TEXT OF A CABLE (SEOUL 15895) WHICH WAS UNFORTUNATELY ONLY PARTIALLY TRANSMITTED YESTERDAY.
  - SUMMARY: WE FEEL THAT THE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION WHICH LED TO DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW IN PUSAN PROBABLY RESULTED FROM A COMBINATION OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FRUSTRATIONS INCLUDING CONSIDERABLE WEARINESS WITH THE PARK GOVERNMENT AND WIDESPREAD OBJECTION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT HEAVY-HANDEDNESS. ALTHOUGH SOME IN THE RULING CAMP BLAME THE NDP, MOST PEOPLE, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, DISCOUNT SUCH TALK. STUDENT ACTIVISTS HERE PROBABLY
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PLAYED A MORE SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN PRECIPITATING UNREST.  
THE ROKG INVOKED MARTIAL LAW TO CORRECT A SITUATION WHICH HAD CLEARLY GOTTEN OUT OF HAND AND TO SERVE AS A WARNING TO OTHER POTENTIAL DEMONSTRATORS. WE ARE NOT YET ABLE TO ASSESS THE DEGREE OF REAL GOVERNMENT CONCERN. OBVIOUSLY IT JUDGED THE SITUATION SERIOUS, AS ITS IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW SHOWED, BUT IT IS TRYING TO CONVEY A SENSE OF CALM AND SEEMS TO HAVE THE MATTER IN HAND AT PRESENT. IF DEMONSTRATIONS SPREAD, THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRST STEP WILL



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BE TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF MARTIAL LAW. WE SEE THE MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS AS BEING THE SUCCESS OF THE STUDENTS IN STARTING THEM AND KEEPING THEM GOING.  
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THE WIDE MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE DISTURBANCES IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT. WE ARE STRUCK BY THE EXTENT THAT PEOPLE IN ALL STRATA ARE CONCERNED WITH THE SITUATION. THEY TEND TO BLAME THE ROKG, BUT ARE ALSO WORRIED ABOUT THE VIOLENCE. NEVERTHELESS, WE DO NOT FEEL THE SITUATION IN OTHER CITIES IS EXCEPTIONALLY TENSE. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUE TO EXERCISE CARE IN ANY STATEMENTS IT MAKES ABOUT THE SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

4. FOLLOWING ARE OUR FURTHER THOUGHTS ON SITUATION FOLLOWING THE DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW FOR THE SPECIAL CITY OF PUSAN.

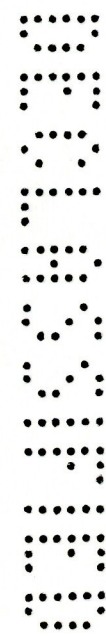
5. THE DEMONSTRATIONS PROBABLY RESULTED FROM A COMBINATION OF CUMULATIVE FRUSTRATIONS, SOME POLITICAL, SOME ECONOMIC, AGAINST A BACKDROP OF WEARINESS WITH PARK GOVERNMENT. THE CUMULATIVE EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW WEEKS--THE Y.H. INCIDENT, THE COURT JUDGMENT AGAINST KIM YONG-SAM, KIM'S EXPULSION FROM THE ASSEMBLY BY RATHER HEAVY-HANDED MEANS, THE SUS-  
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PENSION OF THE ASSEMBLY AND NDP RESIGNATIONS--CAUSED A MARKED INCREASE IN DISAFFECTION WITH THE CURRENT SYSTEM, WHICH REACHED THE POINT IN PUSAN WHERE AN INCIDENT WAS EASILY PRECIPITATED. THERE ARE SOME IN THE RULING CAMP WHO BLAME THE NDP FOR STIRRING UP THE PUSAN DISTURBANCES, BUT WE DOUBT THIS. THE NDP, ESPECIALLY KIM YONG-SAM, IS QUICK TO CAPITALIZE ON THIS TROUBLE, BUT WE DOUBT THAT THE PARTY OR ITS MEMBERS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN INSTIGATING IT. ONE STUDENT LEADER HAS TOLD US THAT STUDENTS FROM SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, SOME OF WHOM HAD ALREADY BEEN EXPELLED, WENT TO PUSAN AND WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN ORGANIZING THE STUDENTS.

6. WE CONTINUE TO SEE THE DECISION TO INVOKE MARTIAL LAW LOCALLY IN THE PUSAN AREA AS STEMMING FROM TWO PRINCIPAL REASONS--FIRST, THE SITUATION, BY THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN ADMISSION, HAD GOTTEN OUT OF HAND. SECOND, THE GOVERNMENT PROBABLY WANTED TO CONTROL THE NEWS ABOUT THE PUSAN SITUATION AND SERVE WARNING TO POTENTIAL DEMONSTRATORS IN OTHER PLACES THAT TROUBLE WOULD BE MET WITH DECISIVE ACTION. DECLARING MARTIAL LAW FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVEN YEARS, ESPECIALLY WITH A CABINET-LEVEL AMERICAN IN COUNTRY, WAS NOT A TRIVIAL STEP.

7. OUR PRELIMINARY READING IS THAT THE SYMPATHIES OF THE AVERAGE KOREAN LEANS TOWARD THE DEMONSTRATORS BUT NOT



THEIR VIOLENCE. THERE IS ENOUGH AUTHORITARIAN CONTROL  
IN KOREA TO MAKE MANY PEOPLE SYMPATHETIC WITH THOSE WHO  
OPPOSE THAT CONTROL. THERE IS ALSO AMONG THE KOREANS  
WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN IN SEOUL A GENUINE INCREASE IN  
NERVOUSNESS OVER THE FUTURE. THE PEOPLE REMEMBER THE

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LAST TIME THAT NATION-WIDE MARTIAL LAW WAS DECLARED IN  
1972 AND WANT NO RETURN TO THAT SORT OF ATMOSPHERE.

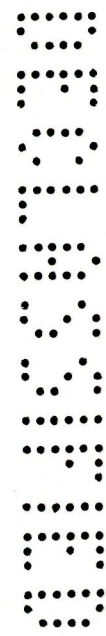
8. THE GOVERNMENT'S PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW HAS  
SHOWED THAT IT FEELS THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS. THE  
DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE SPREAD TO MASAN (SEE SEPTTEL) WHICH HAS  
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PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS, SINCE THE FINDING OF A  
STUDENT'S BODY IN MASAN HARBOR IS REMEMBERED BY MANY  
KOREANS AS THE MAJOR SPARK OF THE 1960 STUDENT UPRISING  
AGAINST SYNGMAN RHEE. AT THIS POINT, THE ROKG SEEMS TO  
HAVE THE SITUATION IN HAND. HOWEVER, THE MOMENTUM HAS  
NOT STOPPED AND UNTIL IT DOES THE POSSIBILITY THAT DEMON-  
STRATIONS WILL SPREAD CONTINUES TO EXIST. IF DEMONSTRA-  
TIONS DO START SPREADING, THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRST REACTION  
WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF MARTIAL LAW,  
PERHAPS TO MAKE IT NATIONWIDE.

9. A MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE TO DATE OF THE DISTURBANCES IS  
THE SUCCESS OF THE STUDENTS IN OVERCOMING THE LONG-STANDING  
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AND SUCCESSFUL ROKG PRACTICE OF CONTAINING STUDENT DIS-  
TURBANCES ON THE CAMPUSES (WHERE THEY COULD BE HIDDEN FROM  
PUBLIC VIEW) NOT ONCE BUT FOR SEVERAL DAYS IN A ROW AND  
IN AT LEAST TWO LOCATIONS. THIS IS NO MEAN FEAT, SINCE  
PUSAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THE  
DEMONSTRATIONS, LIES SOME SEVEN MILES FROM THE DOWNTOWN  
AREA WHERE THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE MOUNTED. THE CONSE-  
QUENCE OF THE ROKG'S FAILURE TO KEEP THE STUDENTS OFF THE  
CITY STREETS IS INDICATED BY THE ENCOURAGEMENT THE STUDENTS



RECIEVED FROM ELEMENTS OF THE COMMON CITIZENRY. WHILE SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS OBVIOUSLY DO FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF WHAT THE ROKG CHOOSES TO DISMISS AS "HOOLIGANS," RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE AREA SHOPKEEPERS JOINED IN SUCH THINGS AS THE HAND-CLAPPING.

10. NOR CAN WE OVERLOOK THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON AVERAGE CITIZENS THROUGHOUT THE REPUBLIC WHO WOKE UP THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 18 TO FIND THEIR NEWSPAPERS NOT ONLY FILLED WITH REPORTS OF THE FIRST DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW IN SEVEN YEARS BUT ALSO THE FIRST PRINTED MENTION OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS SINCE 1975. IT IS ONE THING FOR PEOPLE TO "KNOW" ABOUT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS ON THE BASIS OF UNVERIFIABLE RUMORS. IT IS QUITE ANOTHER FOR THEM TO HEAR IN DETAIL FROM THE ROKG ITSELF--WHICH HAS ALWAYS PUBLICLY PRETENDED THAT STUDENT DISTURBANCES DID NOT EXIST AND CONSEQUENTLY NOT REPORTABLE IN THE MEDIA--ABOUT POLICE INJURED, VEHICLES DESTROYED, POLICE BOXES ASSAULTED, AND EVEN THAT STUDENTS WERE CALLING FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT. AT A MINIMUM, THE SITUATION UNDERMINES THE ROKG'S CAREFULLY CULTIVATED IMAGE OF A STABLE SOCIETY ADVANCING UNDER THE YUSIN SYSTEM.

11. BEYOND THE OBSERVATIONS ALREADY PRESENTED, WE CANNOT  
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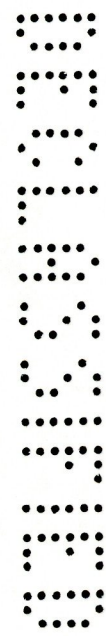
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FURTHER ASSESS POLITICAL OPINION IN THE PUBLIC AT LARGE. ALLOWANCE MUST BE MADE IN THE PRESENT SITUATION FOR THE FACT THAT PUSAN IS KIM YONG-SAM COUNTRY AND FOR THE SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE OF INVOLVING MASAN IN THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES. HOWEVER, WE ARE STRUCK BY THE EXTENT OF CONCERN AMONG PEOPLE FROM ALL SOCIAL STRATA OVER EVENTS IN THE SOUTH AND THE GENERAL TENDENCY TO BLAME THE GOVERNMENT FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED. NEVERTHELESS, THE ATMOSPHERE IN SEOUL, AND WE BELIEVE MOST OTHER CITIES, DOES NOT HAVE A FEELING OF TENSENESS.

12. ACTION RECOMMENDED: IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES U.S. STATEMENTS COULD HAVE AN INCENDIARY IMPACT, PARTICULARLY IN THE PUSAN/MASAN AREA. JAPANESE RADIO AND TV, WHICH ARE RECEIVED THERE, ARE PRESENTING EVENTS IN AN EXCITED MANNER, SOMETIMES BROADCASTING RUMORS EVEN AFTER THEY ARE PROVEN TO BE UNFOUNDED. RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT INITIATE NO STATEMENTS ON KOREAN EVENTS AT PRESENT AND CONTINUE TO EXERCISE PARTICULAR CARE IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS. GLEYSTEEN

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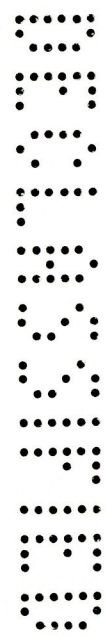
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1. (C) SUMMARY: PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG-HEE ISSUES STATEMENT EXPLAINING MARTIAL LAW PROCLAMATION. MOFA BRIEFS FOREIGN DIPLOMATS ON PUSAN SITUATION. THE SITUATION APPEARS UNDER CONTROL. AN OUTLINE OF THE DEMONSTRATION IS INCLUDED IN PARA. 4. THE ROK MEDIA REPORTS THE MARTIAL LAW PROCLAMATION AND THE ROKG VERSION OF THE DISTURBANCES. WHILE OBSERVERS WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED BY FURTHER STUDENT ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO STRONG EXPECTATION OF SUCH. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) THE BLUE HOUSE RELEASED ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 18 A STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT PARK EXPLAINING THE REASON FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW. THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO THE "RAPIDLY CHANGING" INTERNATIONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
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DOMESTIC SITUATIONS WITH THEIR "MOUNTING DIFFICULTIES", PARTICULARLY "THE REINFORCEMENT OF ARMAMENTS BY THE NORTH KOREAN COMMUNIST GROUP AND THE RECENT INFILTRATION OF ARMED SPIES." IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, "THIS ANTI-NATIONAL, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR" IN PUSAN OF "SOME THOUGHTLESS STUDENTS AND SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS... IN IGNORANCE AND IN DEFIANCE OF THE STARK REALITY OF THIS COUNTRY" IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THE IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW WAS A FINAL, UNAVOIDABLE STEP FOR "THE PRESERVATION OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STABILITY"



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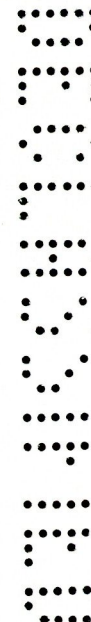
AND ITS ONLY PURPOSE IS "TO ERADICATE ALL RASH AND THOUGHT-  
LESS ACTS AND ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR BY...SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS."  
PARK CLOSED WITH A DEFENSE OF THE YUSHIN SYSTEM, SAYING  
THAT THE EVENTS OF THE PAST SEVEN YEARS "HAVE VIVIDLY  
PROVEN THE EFFECTIVENESS AND LEGITIMACY OF THIS GOVERNMENT."

3. (C) MOFA SPOKESMAN ALSO BRIEFED MEMBERS OF THE  
DIPLOMATIC CORPS OCTOBER 18. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE  
SITUATION IN PUSAN WAS NOW UNDER CONTROL AND THERE WAS NO  
REASON FOR FOREIGNERS NOT TO GO TO PUSAN. HE SAID THE  
DEMONSTRATIONS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AT ONE POINT AS  
"SOMEWHAT ORGANIZED" AND AT ANOTHER AS "RATHER SPONTANEOUS",  
INVOLVED THREE THOUSAND STUDENTS AND "HOODLUMS." HE  
DEFINED "HOODLUMS" AS "YOUNG MEN HANGING AROUND THE PORT  
WHO ARE NOT TOO WELL-ESTABLISHED AND WHO WILL JOIN IN ANY  
DISTURBANCE." WHEN ASKED, HE SPECIFICALLY DENIED THE  
PARTICIPATION OF DOCK WORKERS OR ANY CONNECTION TO WORKERS'  
STRIKES. HE SPECULATED THAT THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE CAUSED  
BECAUSE OF SYMPATHY FOR OPPOSITION LEADER KIM YONG-SAM  
(WHOSE HOMETOWN IS PUSAN) AND BECAUSE KOREANS IN THAT PART  
OF THE COUNTRY ARE "RAMBUNCTIOUS" AND "ONCE THEY ERUPT,  
THEY'RE HARD TO CONTROL." THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS WERE  
UNEXPECTED, SO THE ROKG HAD TAKEN "NO PRECAUTIONS IN  
ADVANCE." "MARTIAL LAW WILL BE LIFTED "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"  
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AND THERE IS "NO DISCUSSION" OF POSSIBLE PREVENTIVE  
MEASURES IN OTHER AREAS.

4. (C) THE SITUATION IN PUSAN APPEARS TO BE UNDER CONTROL.  
A TOTAL OF 3700 MARINES AND SPECIAL FORCES HAVE BEEN  
DEPLOYED IN THE CITY. ACCORDING TO PUSAN USICA BPAO, THE  
DEMONSTRATIONS ON OCTOBER 16 AND 17 WENT AS FOLLOWS:  
STUDENTS AT PUSAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY GATHERED IN THE  
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 16, WHERE THE  
FACULTY WAS ATTEMPTING TO CONTAIN THEM. THE STUDENTS  
ADVANCED TO THE UNIVERSITY'S MAIN GATE, WHERE THE FACULTY  
SUCCEEDED IN STOPPING THEM. THE STUDENTS THEN DAMAGED THE  
HIGH SCHOOL ATTACHED TO THE TEACHERS' COLLEGE AND EXITED  
FROM THE CAMPUS THROUGH A BACK GATE. BECAUSE THE IMMEDIATE  
NEIGHBORHOOD WAS ON THE FRINGES OF PUSAN, THE STUDENTS  
DECIDED TO REFORM DOWNTOWN IN THE AFTERNOON, WHERE  
SEVERAL GROUPS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS EACH ATTACKED  
POLICE BOXES AND OVERTURNED POLICE MOTORCYCLES AND JEEPS.  
AFTER DARK, THE STUDENTS WERE JOINED BY OTHERS FROM DONGA  
UNIVERSITY, PUSAN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, AND PUSAN INDUSTRIAL  
COLLEGE, AS WELL AS OTHERS WHO APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN YOUNG  
GARMENT AND SHOP WORKERS AND STUDENTS WHO HAD FAILED  
UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS. BYSTANDERS CLAPPED AND  
ENCOURAGED THE STUDENTS, AND PEOPLE IN THE CROWD WERE SEEN  
SUPPLYING THEM WITH SOFT DRINKS AND SNACKS AND, IN SOME  
CASES, MONEY. THE DEMONSTRATION WENT ON UNTIL AFTER



MIDNIGHT.

5. (C) AT 1400 OCTOBER 17 POLICE PREVENTED THE PLANNED STUDENT GATHERING BUT FAILED TO DO SO AT 1800. THREE OR FOUR GROUPS TOTALLING ABOUT 800 STUDENTS (WITH A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF NON-PNU STUDENTS THAN THE PREVIOUS EVENING). TIED UP TRAFFIC IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA FOR SEVERAL HOURS, RESPONDING TO POLICE USE OF TEAR GAS WITH ROCK-THROWING.

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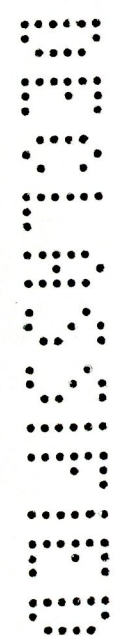
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6. (C) THE ROKG ITSELF HAS CONCEDED THE PARTICIPATION OF THREE THOUSAND STUDENTS IN THE OCTOBER 17 DEMONSTRATIONS. REPORTEDLY NEARLY 800 HAVE BEEN DETAINED. OFFICIALLY 79 POLICEMEN AND 6 CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN INJURED. PUSAN BPAO ACCEPTS THE FIGURE FOR POLICE INJURIES, BUT ESTIMATES CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AT 50 TO 60 AND SAYS HIS OWN STAFF MEMBERS HAVE THEMSELVES SEEN MORE INJURED THAN THOSE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED. BPAO HAS HEARD UNSUBSTANTIATED SEPARATE RUMORS OF ONE FEMALE STUDENT BEING TRAMPLED TO DEATH BY THE CROWD AND ONE MALE STUDENT BEING KILLED. ROKG FIRMLY DENIED ANYONE KILLED, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE RUMORS. DAMAGE TO POLICE BOXES, POLICE VEHICLES, OTHER GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS (INCLUDING A TAX OFFICE), THE OFFICES OF THE PUSAN ILBO NEWSPAPER (REGARDED AS PRO-ROK), AND THE MBC RADIO STATION ARE APPARENTLY EXTENSIVE. SOME SOURCES SAY THE ROKG-RUN KBS STATION WAS ALSO ATTACKED, BUT BPAO SAYS THAT IT APPARENTLY NOT SO.

7. (C) ROK MEDIA OCTOBER 18 GAVE THE MARTIAL LAW ANNOUNCEMENT PREDICTABLY LARGE COVERAGE, TOGETHER WITH THE HOME  
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MINISTRY'S OCTOBER 17 DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTURBANCES REPORTED REFTEL B. ALL COVERAGE IS BASED STRICTLY ON ROKG-SUPPLIED INFORMATION. THE REPORTS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE NOT INCLUDED ANY EXPLANATION FOR THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS, AND HOME MINISTER KOO INSISTED THAT HALF OF THOSE DETAINED WERE "COMMON HOOLIGANS." KOO ALSO SAID THAT HE REGRETTED THAT DEMONSTRATIONS BY A "SEGMENT" OF THE STUDENT POPULATION "CAUSED UNEASINESS TO CITIZENS IN THEIR PEACEFUL LIVES" AND DISTURBED "THE PEACEFUL STUDY ATMOSPHERE OF



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1. THE TEXT OF MARTIAL LAW DECREE NO. ONE ISSUED BY PUSAN MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR LTGEN PAK CHANG-KUNG WITH EFFECT FROM 0001 HOURS OCTOBER 18 FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT.

A) ANY GATHERING, DEMONSTRATION, OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED, EXCEPT FOR THE CEREMONIES OF COMING OF AGE, MARRIAGE, FUNERAL, ANCESTOR MEMORIAL, AND FORMAL NONPOLITICAL EVENTS.

B) ALL PRESS, PUBLICATIONS, AND NEWS BROADCASTING ARE SUBJECT TO CENSORSHIP.

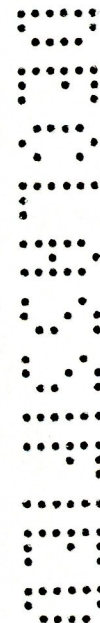
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C) ALL COLLEGES WILL BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY.

D) THE FABRICATION AND DISSEMINATION OF FALSE RUMORS, AND SPEECH AND BEHAVIOR AIMED AT DISRUPTING THE NATIONAL CONSENSUS ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

E) DESERTING ONE'S JOB POSITION WITHOUT CAUSE AND SABOTAGE ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.



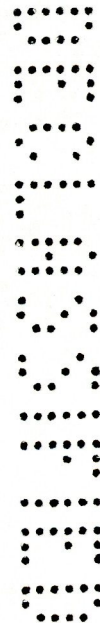
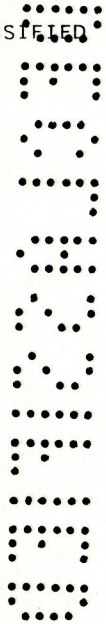
F) THE NIGHT-TIME CURFEW WILL BE FROM 2200 TO 0400 HOURS.  
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IN FORCE THROUGHOUT SOUTH KOREA).

G) THOSE WHO VIOLATE THIS DECREE WILL BE ARRESTED AND  
DETAINED AND SUBJECTED TO INVESTIGATION WITHOUT WARRANT.

H) THE FREEDOM OF CITIZENS' DAILY ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES  
AND BUSINESS, AND THE FREEDOM OF ENTRY INTO AND DEPARTURE  
FROM THE COUNTRY AND TRAVEL WITHIN THE COUNTRY WILL BE  
GUARANTEED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. END TEXT.  
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BPAO OF USICA CULTURAL CENTER IN PUSAN REPORTS STUDENT  
DEMONSTRATION IN THAT CITY ON OCTOBER 16. BPAO SAW  
GROUP OF 200 DEMONSTRATORS RUN PAST CULTURAL CENTER  
CARRYING BANNERS CALLING FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND  
END TO DICTATORSHIP. THERE WERE NO POLICE IN EVIDENCE.  
HE REPORTS AT LEAST 1000 STUDENTS HAVE MANAGED TO CARRY  
PROTEST OFF CAMPUS AND TO DOWNTOWN AREA AND POLICE ARE  
REPORTEDLY IN CONTACT WITH SOME GROUPS. NO FURTHER  
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SUBJECT: PUSAN/ROK STUDENT SITUATION RELATIVELY QUIET  
WITH CONTINUING INSTANCES OF ANTI-ROK ACTIVITY (C)

REF: SEOUL 15909 *R*

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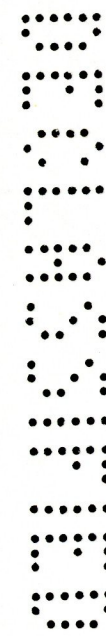
2. SUMMARY: AS OF THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 20 ROK TIME, SITUATION APPEARS CALM. NO KNOWN ACTIVITY IN PUSAN. ADDITIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN MASAN AND IN CHINJU. ANTI-ROK ACTIVITY IN TAEJU, CHONGJU, AND SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY REPORTED. OTHER SEOUL CAMPUSES QUIET, REPORTEDLY DUE TO LARGE PRESENCE OF ROK SECURITY AGENCIES.

3. AS OF THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 20 ROK TIME, THE SITUATION IN THE ROK APPEARS CALM. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON ANY FURTHER DISTURBANCES IN PUSAN. THERE WAS A SECOND STREET DEMONSTRATION IN MASAN THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 19 INVOLVING AS MANY AS THREE HUNDRED STUDENTS. THE DEMONSTRATION LASTED OVER AN HOUR PAST THE NEWLY-DECLARED 2200 CURFEW UNTIL IT WAS DISPERSED BY ROK ARMY UNITS. (MASAN IS NO, CONFIDENTIAL  
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HOWEVER, UNDER MARTIAL LAW.)

4. THERE ARE RELIABLE REPORTS OF A DEMONSTRATION ON OCTOBER 18 IN THE TOWN OF CHINJU ON THE SOUTH COAST ABOUT ONE HUNDRED KILOMETERS WEST OF PUSAN. THE DEMONSTRATION INVOLVED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF STUDENTS FROM KYONGSAN COLLEGE, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED CITIZENS. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS POSSIBLY CONNECTED TO THIS WEEK'S KYONGSANG COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY



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CELEBRATION. THE COLLEGE IS NOW CLOSED. OTHER DETAILS ARE UNKNOWN.

5. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN ANTI-ROK G ACTIVITY ON CAMPUSES IN TAEGU, CHONGJU, AND AT SEOUL NATIONAL, PRIMARILY INVOLVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT LEAFLETS. NONE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SERIOUS ENOUGH TO BE CALLED A DEMONSTRATION. THE SNU INCIDENT INVOLVED A CORE OF SIX OR SEVEN STUDENTS (EVENTUALLY TAKEN INTO CUSTODY) WHO DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS ATTACKING A NEW SNU POLICY ALLOWING THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TO SUSPEND FROM CLASS AND HOLD BACK FROM PROMOTION STUDENTS INVOLVED IN ANTI-ROK G ACTIVITIES. THEY ATTRACTED ABOUT THREE HUNDRED STUDENT SPECTATORS BEFORE POLICE BROKE THE GATHERING UP.

6. OTHER SEOUL CAMPUSES REMAIN QUIET, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SUGGESTIONS OF STRONG TENSIONS. THERE HAS BEEN RECURRING TROUBLE AT EHYWA UNIVERSITY, APPARENTLY DUE TO THE UNPOPULARITY OF THE NEW UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT. MOST UNIVERSITIES ARE NOW IN THE MID-TERM EXAMINATION CYCLE. A ROK ARMY SECURITY OFFICER SUGGESTS THAT THE FAILURE OF SEOUL STUDENTS TO MOUNT DEMONSTRATIONS COMPARED TO THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN PUSAN AND MASAN CAN BE EXPLAINED BY THE LARGE PRESENCE OF WELL-TRAINED ROK SECURITY AGENTS ON SEOUL CAMPUSES

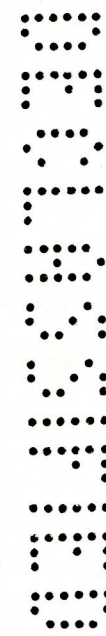
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEUL 15750

EO 12065: ROS-4 10/17/89 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P  
TAGS: SHUM, PINS, KS  
SUBJECT: (U) MORE ON PUSAN DEMONSTRATION; DEMONSTRATION  
- AT EHYA UNIVERSITY IN SEUL

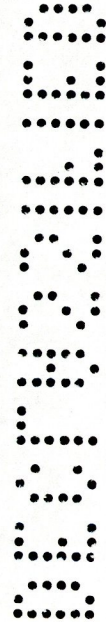
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1. (C) SITUATION IN PUSAN APPEARS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN THE USUAL RUN OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. ACCORDING TO USICA BPAO, THE DEMONSTRATION CONTINUED THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 16, UNTIL WELL AFTER DARK, INVOLVING 500-600 STUDENTS, MAINLY FROM PUSAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. LACK OF ADEQUATE STREET LIGHTING MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR POLICE TO IDENTIFY DEMONSTRATORS, AND THEIR MOVEMENTS THROUGH NARROW BACK STREETS PREVENTED POLICE PURSUIT IN VEHICLES. OTHER SOURCES HAVE MENTIONED CROWDS OF AS MANY AS FIVE TO TWELVE THOUSAND. BRANCH BPAO ATTRIBUTES THIS TO THE FACT THAT MANY ORDINARY CITIZENS CLOSED THEIR SHOPS AND STOOD ALONG THE STREETS, "CHEERING THE STUDENTS ON". WHILE THERE APPEARS TO BE NO ACTIVITY TODAY (OCTOBER 17), LARGE NUMBERS OF RIOT POLICE IN FULL GEAR, INCLUDING SOME BROUGHT IN FROM OUTLYING AREAS AS REINFORCEMENTS, ARE  
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DEPLOYED IN THE STREETS.

2. (C) [ ] TOLD EMBOFF THAT DEMONSTRATIONS INVOLVED TWELVE THOUSAND PARTICIPANTS WHO HAD ATTACKED TWO BROADCAST STATIONS AND THE OFFICES OF THE PUSAN ILBO NEWSPAPER, AND WHO WERE STILL CONTINUING THEIR DEMONSTRATION TODAY. ACCORDING [ ] FIVE HUNDRED STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND FIVE STUDENTS KILLED. PUSAN BPAO SAYS NEITHER HE NOR HIS STAFF HAS HEARD ANY

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RUMORS OF DEATHS. BPAO HAS NO ESTIMATE OF NUMBERS ARRESTED BUT REPORTS THE PRESENCE OF LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE AT POLICE STATIONS THIS MORNING, PRESUMABLY STUDENTS' PARENTS LOOKING FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

3. (C) [ ] THAT 1000 STUDENTS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN DEMONSTRATION. ONE HUNDRED FIFTY OF THEM WERE DETAINED, OF WHOM 15 ARE LIKELY TO BE CHARGED. EARLY ROKG REPORTS INDICATE THERE WERE NO DEATHS, BUT FOUR STUDENTS AND TWO OTHER DEMONSTRATORS WERE INJURED, SOME SERIOUSLY. FIFTY-SIX POLICE WERE INJURED, EIGHT "SERIOUSLY". SEVERAL POLICE VEHICLES WERE DAMAGED AND WINDOWS AT A NUMBER OF POLICE BOXES WERE BROKEN. ROKG CONFIRMS DAMAGE TO NEWSPAPER BUILDING AND OTHER MEDIA. ABOUT 400 STUDENTS ASSEMBLED THIS MORNING AND WERE DISPERSED BY THE POLICE. STUDENTS REPORTEDLY PLANNED TO REASSEMBLE DOWNTOWN AT 1400. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

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4. (LOU) A DEMONSTRATION LASTING THREE HOURS AND INVOLVING 500 STUDENTS REPORTEDLY OCCURRED AT EHWA UNIVERSITY OCTOBER 16. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS APPARENTLY TOUCHED OFF WHEN THE POLICE MOVED IN TO ARREST A SMALL NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO WERE DISTRIBUTING ANTI-ROKG LEAFLETS.  
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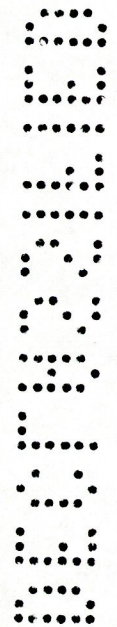
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5. (U) KOREAN RADIO CARRIED A REPORT LATE THIS AFTERNOON FROM THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, ACKNOWLEDGING THE TROUBLES IN PUSAN, EXPRESSING "REGRET" THAT THE STUDENTS HAD SMASHED POLICE BOXES AND "HOPE" THAT THEY WOULD RETURN TO THEIR STUDIES. THE REPORT SAID THE PUSAN POLICE CHIEF HAS BEEN REPLACED AND A NEW MAN FROM SEOUL IS ALREADY ENROUTE TO PUSAN TO TAKE OVER. REPORTEDLY, POLICE DETAINED 100 STUDENTS AND 100 "HOODLUMS", WITH THREE ARRESTED; SOME POLICE WERE INJURED; AND THERE WERE NO DEATHS. THE HOME MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT CONCLUDED THAT THE ROKG WILL NOT TOLERATE SUCH INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE. THE STATEMENT OFFERED NO INDICATION OF THE REASON FOR THE STUDENT OUTBURST.

6. (C) COMMENT: THE SUCCESS OF PUSAN STUDENTS IN CARRYING THEIR DEMONSTRATION INTO THE STREETS IN SUCH LARGE NUMBERS AND GENERATING VOCAL SUPPORT FROM THE GENERAL POPULATION SETS THIS INCIDENT APART FROM THE PATTERN OF STUDENT PROTESTS IN RECENT YEARS. THE ONLY SIMILAR INCIDENT HAS BEEN THE TAEGU DEMONSTRATIONS OF NOVEMBER 1978. THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION IS SUGGESTED BY THE FACT THAT THE ROKG, IN DISTINCT CONTRAST TO ITS LONG-STANDING POLICY, HAS ISSUED AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND ALLOWED THE MEDIA TO REPORT -- IF ONLY IN OUTLINE FORM -- THE EVENTS IN PUSAN.

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7. (U) FYI: TODAY IS THE SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
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E.O. 12065 XDS-4 10/18/89 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P  
TAGS: SHUM PINT KS  
SUBJECT: SITUATION IN PUSAN FOLLOWING  
DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW

REF: (A) SEUL 15750, (B) STATE 271432 NK

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: DEMONSTRATIONS OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS IN  
PUSAN LED THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPOSE MARTIAL LAW AS OF  
OCTOBER 18. WHILE HUNDREDS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, INJURIES  
APPEAR TO BE RELATIVELY FEW AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF  
ANY DEATHS. THE PRESENT SITUATION, ACCORDING TO OBSERVERS  
ON THE SCENE IN PUSAN, IS CALM WITH TROOPS IN EVIDENCE  
ONLY AROUND THE MAIN UNIVERSITIES. PRESIDENT PARK HAS  
MADE A STRONG EXPRESSION OF CONCERN. OPPOSITION LEADER  
KIM YONG-SAM, ON THE OTHER HAND, CONTINUES TO TAKE AD-  
VANTAGE OF THE SITUATION. REACTION IN SEOUL THUS FAR HAS  
BEEN CALM, ALTHOUGH AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER HAS PUT OUT A  
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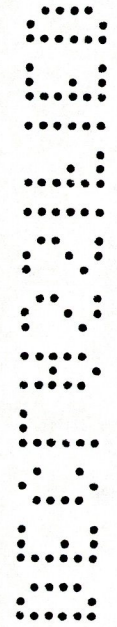
BROADSIDE ON THE PUSAN SITUATION. WE RECOMMEND THAT  
DEPARTMENT BE GUARDED IN ITS COMMENTS ON THE PUSAN  
SITUATION. OUR SUGGESTED PRESS GUIDANCE IS INCLUDED.  
END SUMMARY.

3. DEMONSTRATIONS IN PUSAN BROKE OUT AGAIN NIGHT OF  
OCTOBER 17-18, WITH REPORTEDLY SOME 3000 DEMONSTRATORS  
TAKING PART. SOME MORE POLICE VEHICLES DESTROYED OR  
DAMAGED. POLICE REPORT NEARLY 800 PEOPLE NOW IN POLICE

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CUSTODY. WHILE NUMBERS UNCERTAIN, POLICE REPORT MORE THAN 80 (6 CIVILIANS, 79 POLICE) HAVE BEEN INJURED, WITH MORE REPORTS STILL COMING IN. FOUR BATTALIONS OF ROK MARINES FROM POHANG NOW ON CAMPUS OF PUSAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND ABOUT 1500 SPECIAL FORCES NEAR CITY ALTHOUGH NOT DEPLOYED. BPAO [ IN PUSAN REPORT SITUATION CALM AS OF 1500 LOCAL TIME. (SEE SEPTEL FOR MORE DETAILS.)

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4. WHILE RUMORS OF STUDENT DEATHS HAVE SURFACED, POLICE AND KCIA INSIST THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPEAT NO DEATHS CONNECTED WITH ENTIRE INCIDENT. DEFENSE MINISTER EMPHASIZED THIS POINT TO AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 18, ADDING THAT SITUATION IS WELL IN HAND, AND THAT MARTIAL LAW WOULD BE LIFTED "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE". ONLY "REPORTS" (AS OPPOSED TO RUMORS) OF DEATH WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR HAVE BEEN FROM NDP SOURCES. (INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT KNCC PRESIDENT KIM KWAN-SUK TOLD EMBOFF OCTOBER 18 THAT RUMORS OF DEATHS OFTEN FOLLOW DEMONSTRATIONS.)

5. PRESIDENT PARK, IN OCTOBER 18 STATEMENT, SAID THAT MARTIAL LAW HAD BEEN DECLARED "FOR THE PRESERVATION OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL STABILITY". TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD EXPECTED DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW  
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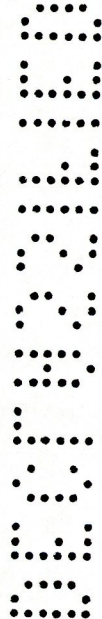
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FOR SOME TIME. BUT NOT DUE TO POLITICAL INSTABILITY. ACCORDING TO THEORY, MARTIAL LAW IS A ROKG PLOY FOR U.S. CONSUMPTION. HE REASONED THAT IF U.S. EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, ROKG COULD RESPOND BY LIFTING MARTIAL LAW WHILE LEAVING OTHER CONTROLS INTACT. PRESS, WHILE PROHIBITED FROM CARRYING ANYTHING BUT FACTUAL STORIES, PUT OUT AT LEAST ONE EXTRA MORNING OF OCTOBER 18. INITIAL REACTIONS FROM ROK MILITARY IS THAT THEY ARE UNHAPPY THAT SITUATION AROSE IN FIRST PLACE, AND THAT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR KEEPING THE LID ON.

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6. COMMENT: OUR INITIAL READING IS THAT MARTIAL LAW WAS DECLARED IN PART BECAUSE SITUATION HAD GOTTEN OUT OF HAND AND POLICE WERE NOT ABLE TO CONTROL IT ALONE. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ON ITS LAST LEGS OR ANYWHERE NEAR IT, BUT IT MUST BE RATHER CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN OTHER CITIES TO HAVE USED SUCH STRONG DETERRENT TACTICS IN PUSAN. ROKG MIGHT ALSO HAVE JUDGED THAT DECLARATION WOULD ALLOW TIGHTER CENSORSHIP AND CONTROL WHICH WOULD IN TURN PREVENT DEMONSTRATIONS FROM RECURRING OR SPREADING. NDP PRESIDENT KIM YONG-SAM'S EXPULSION AND MASS RESIGNATION OF OPPOSITION FROM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ALMOST CERTAINLY WERE APPRECIABLE FACTORS IN THE PUSAN DEMONSTRATIONS, ALTHOUGH KIM'S NAME WAS REPORTEDLY IN SLOGANS ONLY IN PERIPHERAL FASHION. KIM HAS ALMOST LITERALLY DARED THE GOVERNMENT TO ARREST HIM. FOR

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EXAMPLE. HE HAS REPEATED FIGURE OF FIVE DEATHS  
TO JAPAN'S KYODO NEWS AGENCY. ALTHOUGH KYODO  
REPORTER IN SEOUL TOLD EMBOFF STORY HAD BEEN KILLED AT  
ROKGI ORDERS, FBIS HAS REPORTED ITEM FROM JAPAN. FIGURE  
OF FIVE DEAD ALSO USED BY PYONGYANG DOMESTIC SERVICE  
WHICH ATTRIBUTED THEM TO "HUMAN BUTCHER GROUP (OF PARK  
CHONG-HUI)".

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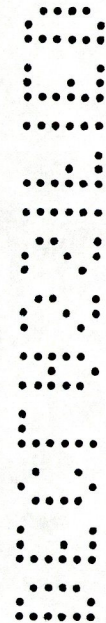
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7. RECOMMENDATION: WE OBVIOUSLY SHOULD NOT EXACERBATE  
SITUATION BY OUR ACTIONS. IF PRESS QUESTION ARISES, WE  
RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN RESPOND FACTUALLY  
ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "MARTIAL LAW HAS BEEN DE-  
CLARED IN PUSAN IN THE WAKE OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS.  
U.S. CITIZENS WERE NOT INVOLVED OR AFFECTED. THERE IS  
NO EVIDENCE OF ANY DEMONSTRATION-RELATED DEATHS.  
WE ARE OBVIOUSLY FOLLOWING THE SITUATION  
WITH CAREFUL ATTENTION." WE  
RECOMMEND NO FURTHER DEPARTMENT COMMENT AT THIS TIME,  
BECAUSE IT COULD CONCEIVABLY ENCOURAGE FURTHER CLASHES.  
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EO 12065: RDS-3 10/19/89 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P  
TAGS: SHUM, PINS, MPOL, KS  
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON PUSAN/ROK STUDENT  
- SITUATION

REF: SEOUL 15895 ✓

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY: ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION IN PUSAN AND A NEW  
DEMONSTRATION IN NEARBY MASAN. MINOR INCIDENTS REPORTED  
ELSEWHERE. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REPORTEDLY WATCHING  
TAEGU, CHONDO, AND KWANGJU. KOREAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
CHURCHES, KOREAN STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION, AND AMNESTY  
INTERNATIONAL SAID TO BE CONSIDERING JOINT FACT-FINDING  
MISSION TO PUSAN. SOME OBSERVERS ATTRIBUTE PUSAN DEMON-  
STRATIONS TO INSTIGATION FROM SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
STUDENTS; POLICE INABILITY TO COPE SEEN AS RESULT OF  
DISPATCH OF POLICE TO SEOUL FROM PUSAN TO CONTROL POTENTIAL  
STUDENT TROUBLE ON OCTOBER 17 YUSIN ANNIVERSARY. STUDENT  
LEADERS IN SEOUL PLEASSED WITH SUCCESS OF PUSAN DEMONSTRATION.  
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TIONS. END SUMMARY.

3. PUSAN USICA BPAO REPORTS ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION IN PUSAN  
CITY HALL PLAZA THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 18 INVOLVING AN  
ESTIMATED 300 PARTICIPANTS AND 2000 BYSTANDERS. THE  
DEMONSTRATION APPARENTLY WAS TOUCHED OFF BY A SMALL GROUP  
OF STUDENTS MARCHING INTO CITY HALL PLAZA AND TYING UP  
TRAFFIC. POLICE FIRED TEAR GAS CANISTERS, WHICH FORCED  
DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS OUT OF THEIR CARS, ADDING TO THE

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CONFUSION. THE DEMONSTRATION LASTED ABOUT 30 MINUTES AND RESULTED IN APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE BEING DETAINED. BPAO NOTES. THAT POLICE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROLLING THE DEMONSTRATION, RATHER THAN MARTIAL LAW FORCES.

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4. A VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE IN NEARBY MASAN IN THE LATE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING OF OCTOBER 18 INVOLVING REPORTED 1000 PARTICIPANTS. SOME SEE DEMONSTRATION AS PROTEST OVER CLOSING OF MASAN COLLEGES (LOCAL PAPERS REPORTED OCTOBER 19 THAT CAMPUSES WERE CLOSED, BUT MENTIONED NO DISTURBANCES). MASAN STUDENTS MOVED DOWNTOWN, THREW ROCKS AT POLICE, DAMAGED POLICE VEHICLES, AND ATTACKED A NUMBER OF POLICE BOXES, GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, AND THE RULING DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN PARTY HEADQUARTERS. A JAPANESE REPORTER TOLD EMBOFF THE DEMONSTRATORS ALSO ATTACKED THE HOME OF DRP ASSEMBLYMAN PARK CHONG-KYU. ANOTHER SOURCE SAID THE DEMONSTRATION BEGAN AT THE "APRIL 19 MEMORIAL". MASAN IS SIGNIFICANT AS THE SITE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT'S DEATH WHICH TOUCHED OFF THE 1960 STUDENT REVOLUTION. 20 POLICE INJURIES BUT NO CONFIRMED INJURIES AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS. THE 238 PEOPLE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY INCLUDED STUDENTS, FACTORY WORKERS, SHOESHINE BOYS, AND OTHERS. THE HOME MINISTRY ANNOUNCED CONFIDENTIAL.

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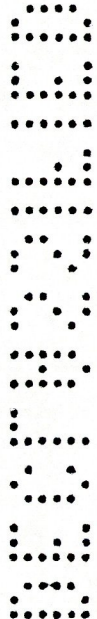
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TODAY WITHOUT EXPLANATION THAT THE 2400-0400 CURFEW HAS BEEN PUSHED BACK TO 2200 IN MASAN, CHANGWON, AND CHINHAEE.

5. MINOR INCIDENTS, PRIMARILY ANTI-ROKGI GRAFFITI AND LEAFLETS, HAVE BEEN REPORTED ELSEWHERE. KWANGJU USICA BPAO REPORTS THAT STUDENTS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED AN ON-CAMPUS DEMONSTRATION AT CH'ONNAM UNIVERSITY THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 17 AND THAT APPARENTLY "PROBLEM" STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME OR ON "STUDY TRIPS." A NUMBER OF UNIVERSITIES IN SEVERAL CITIES REPORT VISIBLY INCREASED POLICE LEVELS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. ~~ROKGI CONCERN THAT LOCAL POLICE, IN CONTRAST TO THEIR WELL-TESTED COLLEAGUES IN SEOUL, MAY NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DEAL WITH STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY A NUMBER OF SEOUL-BASED EXPERTS HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO SEVERAL CITIES IN ADVISORY CAPACITIES.~~ ON THE SAME NOTE, ONE KNCC SOURCE ATTRIBUTES THE INABILITY OF PUSAN POLICE TO CONTAIN THE INITIAL DISTURBANCES TO HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MORE CAPABLE OFFICERS HAD BEEN SENT TO SEOUL AS REINFORCEMENTS IN ANTICIPATION OF YUSIN ANNIVERSARY DISTURBANCES THERE ON OCTOBER 17, LEAVING ONLY AN INEXPERIENCED SECOND STRING TO DEAL WITH UNEXPECTEDLY ACTIVE PUSAN STUDENTS. PUSAN USICA BPAO REPORTS PUSAN APPEARS RELATIVELY CALM AND MARTIAL LAW FORCES ARE MAINTAINING A LOW PROFILE, INTERFERING AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE WITH THE CITIZENRY. THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS SAID

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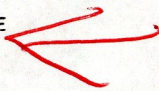


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TO REGARD TAEGU, KWANGJU, AND CHONJO AS LIKELY SCENES  
FOR SUBSEQUENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND HAS ACCORDINGLY  
DISPATCHED OFFICIALS FROM SEOUL TO THOSE CITIES.

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6. ACCORDING TO KNCC SOURCES, CHURCHMEN IN PUSAN HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE KNCC, THE KOREAN STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION, AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SEND A JOINT FACT-FINDING TEAM TO PUSAN. THOSE ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOW DISCUSSING THE FEASIBILITY OF SUCH A TRIP, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE, IF POSSIBLE, A MEETING WITH THE MARTIAL LAW COMMANDER.

7. RELIABLE STUDENT SOURCES REPORT RUMORS THAT THE PUSAN DEMONSTRATIONS WERE INSTIGATED IN PART BY SEOUL NATIONAL STUDENTS AND SOME EXPELLED SNU STUDENTS FROM THE PUSAN AND KYONGSANGDO AREA WHO WENT TO PUSAN LAST WEEK. SUPPOSEDLY THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS WAS TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR KIM YONG-SAM IN HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ROKG. STUDENT ACTIVISTS APPEAR ELATED BY THE PUSAN EVENTS AND EXPECT THEM TO GENERATE FURTHER STUDENT ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE. ACCORDING TO THEIR VIEW, WHAT HAPPENED IN PUSAN WAS PRODUCTIVE IN THAT IT BOTH SHOWED THAT THERE WAS COMMON GROUND FOR STUDENTS AND ORDINARY CITIZENS TO DEMONSTRATE TOGETHER AND TAUGHT STUDENTS NEW TACTICS (E.G. DEMONSTRATING AFTER DARK AND  
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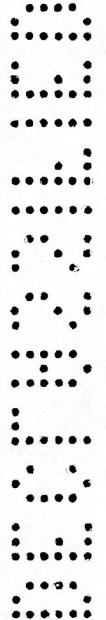
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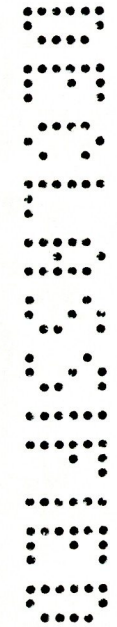
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1. TWENTY PERSONS, INCLUDING SIX STUDENTS, HAVE BEEN SENTENCED IN COURT MARTIAL TO PRISON TERMS OF TWO TO FIVE YEARS IN CONNECTION WITH OCTOBER'S PUSAN/MASAN RIOTS. THE GROUNDS FOR CONVICTION INCLUDED INCITING TO RIOT, ARSON, AND THE SPREADING OF RUMORS WITH MALICIOUS INTENT. NINE OF THE 20 WERE ALSO CONVICTED UNDER EM-9. THE SIX STUDENTS INCLUDE TWO EACH FROM PUSAN, TONGA, AND KYONGNAM (MASAN) UNIVERSITIES AND WERE IDENTIFIED AS THE DEMONSTRATION LEADERS. THE OTHER 14 WERE NOT IDENTIFIED.

2. ACCORDING TO MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES, 1568 PERSONS HAD BEEN TAKEN IN FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISTURBANCES, 792 RELEASED WITH A WARNING, 651 SENT TO SUMMARY COURTS, 31 TO CIVILIAN COURTS, AND 87 TO THE COURT MARTIAL. REPORTEDLY, THE 67 NOT CONVICTED BY COURT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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MARTIAL WERE LET GO WITH THE CHARGES DROPPED BECAUSE THEY "SHOWED REPENTANCE." IN MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT, ROKG AUTHORITIES SAID THE OCTOBER RIOTS WENT BEYOND BEING SIMPLE DEMONSTRATIONS AND "AMOUNTED TO AN UPRISING WHICH THREW SOCIAL ORDER INTO DISARRAY." THE MARTIAL LAW COMMAND TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO WARN ONCE AGAIN THAT "ANY PERSON IN ANY POSITION WHO PLOTTED RIOTS OR BECAME INVOLVED IN RIOTOUS ACTIVITIES" WOULD BE "STERNLY DEALT WITH." GLEYTE



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