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TAGS: GOV, RINT, KS
SUBJECT: ROK SITREP AS OF 0900 18 MAY

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2. LIFE IN SEUL GOES ON MUCH AS USUAL SINCE NORMAL LIFT-
ING OF CURFEW AT 0400. ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS ARE IN
PLACE AT MAIN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS WHICH ARE BEING GUARDED
BY TROOPS WITH FIXED BAYONETS. SOLDIERS WERE ALSO ORDERED
TO OCCUPY CAMPUSES AT 0200; THEY DID SO AT YONSEI UNIVER-
SITY, AND PRESUMABLY OTHERS AS WELL. MEDIA BUILDINGS
ARE ALSO GRACED WITH APC'S.

3. SEVERAL ARRESTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. ACCORDING TO A
WESTERN NEWSMAN WHO TALKED WITH KIM DAE JUNG'S (M-R: KIM
TAE-CHUNG) WIFE, MANY SOLDIERS CAME TO THEIR HOME, SEARCHED

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IT THOROUGHLY, AND TOOK KIM AWAY. SAME SOURCE SAID HE HAD
CONFIRMED WITH PARTY OR OTHER SOURCES ARREST OF THE FOLLOW-
ING: DRP PRESIDENT KIM JONG PIL (M-R: KIM CHONG-P'IL),
FORMER KCIA CHIEF LEE HU RAK (M-R: YI HU-RAK), KIM DAE JUNG
ASSOCIATE MUN IK-WAN (M-R), SNU PROFESSOR HAN WAN-SANG
(M-R), NDP ASSEMBLYMAN LEE TAEK DON (M-R: YI TAIK-DONG),
FORMER ROK ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF LEE SI-HO (M-R: YI SI-HO),
ACTING DUP CHAIRMAN KIM NAK-YOUNG (M-R); J. P. KIM'S OLDER
BROTHER, KIM JONG-NAK (M-R: KIM CHONG-NAK), AND J.P. KIM

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AIDE HAN BYUNG-KI (M-R). IT HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED, BUT NOT CONFIRMED THAT YUCHONGHOE CHAIRMAN CHOI YOUNG HI (M-R: CHOE YONG-HI) HAS BEEN ARRESTED. FURTHER REPORTS OF ARRESTS BEING RECEIVED AND CHECKED. INTERESTINGLY, NDP PRESIDENT KIM YOUNG-SAM (M-R: KIM YONG-SAM) WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED, BUT LATER RELEASED. MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES ARE STILL ATTEMPTING TO ARREST REMAINING STUDENT LEADERS.

4. ROK MEDIA IS CARRYING FACTUAL NEWS OF EXTENDED MARTIAL LAW. HANKUK ILBO, FOR EXAMPLE, HEADLINES BAN ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND CLOSING OF COLLEGES. IT ALSO CARRIED OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE CABINET MEETING DECISION TO IMPOSE MARTIAL LAW OVER THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, EFFECTIVE 0001, MAY 18, BECAUSE OF "CURRENT NORTH KOREAN MOVEMENTS AND THE CERTAINTY OF INCIDENTS OF UNREST ALL ACROSS THE ROK." CULTURAL AND INFORMATION MINISTER, WHO READ STATEMENT, SAID MARTIAL LAW WOULD REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL NORMAL SITUATION HAD BEEN RESTORED. TEXT OF MARTIAL LAW ORDER NUMBER 10 (REF. B) WAS ALSO PUBLISHED. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION MINISTER, CABINET MET AT 2130 MAY 17, HEARD BRIEFING ON SECURITY SITUATION BY DEFENSE MINISTER CHOO, AND REACHED DECISION TO EXTEND MARTIAL LAW AT 2140. PYONGYANG RADIO HAS NOT YET CARRIED NEWS OF EXTENDED MARTIAL LAW.

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5. AN AMBASSADORIAL STATEMENT CAUTIONING AMERICAN CITIZENS TO RESTRICT THEIR ACTIVITIES AND OBEY MARTIAL PROCLAMATIONS HAS BEEN BROADCAST BY AFKN SINCE 0400 MAY 18. REPORTS FROM BRANCH PAO'S IN KWANGJU, PUSAN AND TAEQU INDICATE ALL QUIET THERE. GLEYSTEN

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