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E.O. 12065 GDS 05/20/86 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P  
TAGS: PENDING CHUM PGOV K5  
SUBJECT: KOREA SITREP: 2 P.M. MAY 20

REF: SEUL 6336

1. [REDACTED]

2. SUMMARY: MORNING OF MAY 20 RELATIVELY QUIET THROUGHOUT NATION. RUMORS CONTINUE THAT DEMONSTRATIONS MAY RESUME IN KWANGJU LATER IN THE DAY. POLITICAL PARTIES SHOWED SIGNS OF INITIATIVE WITH PRESS CONFERENCE BY NDP LEADER KIM YOUNG SAM (M-R: KIM YONG-SAM). SUBMISSION OF RESIGNATIONS BY 45 NDP ASSEMBLYMEN, AND INFORMAL MEETING OF DRP. RESIGNATIONS OF ASSEMBLYMEN CAN BE REJECTED BY ACTING SPEAKER. END SUMMARY.

3. MORNING OF MAY 20 WAS RELATIVELY CALM THROUGHOUT NATION. IN EARLY EVENING OF MAY 19, STUDENTS HAD TRIED TO [REDACTED]

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ASSEMBLE AT SEUL RAILWAY STATION BUT WERE QUICKLY DISPERSED BY POLICE. WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTS OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN SEUL SINCE THEN. MAY 20 NEWSPAPERS CARRIED STATEMENT MADE SUNDAY BY PRESIDENT CHOI (M-R: CH'OE) WHICH WAS A RATIONALE FOR IMPOSITION OF EMERGENCY MARTIAL LAW. STATEMENT DID CONTAIN PROMISE TOWARD END THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD HOLD TO TIMETABLE FOR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT. EDUCATION MINISTER KIM OKGILL (M-R: KIM OK-KIL) MADE STATEMENT ON MAY 19 OBSERVING THAT IF STUDENTS HAD SHOWED A BIT MORE

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RESTRAINT GOVERNMENT MIGHT NOT HAVE HAD TO CLOSE DOWN UNIVERSITIES. SHE URGED PEOPLE TO COPE WITH SITUATION WITH WISDOM AND PERSEVERANCE. SHE SAID SHE WOULD BE AWAY FROM THE OFFICE A FEW DAYS RECUPERATING. (SHE HAS DIABETES.)

4. THE POLITICAL PARTIES BEGAN TO TAKE SOME INITIATIVES IN FACE OF EMERGENCY MARTIAL LAW. NDP LEADER KIM YOUNG SAM CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE IN HIS HOME FOR 9 A.M. POLICE CORDON SEALED HIM OFF BUT NOT BEFORE A FEW KOREAN JOURNALISTS MANAGED TO ENTER. KIM REPORTEDLY MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- A) THE MAY 17 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY MARTIAL LAW WAS A RECKLESS ATTEMPT TO BETRAY DEMOCRATIZATION;
- B) THE MILITARY SHOULD RETURN TO THEIR BARRACKS;
- C) GOVERNMENT SHOULD RELEASE KIM DAE JUNG (M-R: KIM DAE-CHUNG) AND ALL OTHERS ARRESTED.

5. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MAY 20 WAS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. ASSEMBLY BUILDING WAS SEALED TO ALL BUT SPEAKER, VICE SPEAKERS, FLOOR LEADERS AND

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ASSEMBLY STAFF. FORTY-FIVE NDP ASSEMBLYMEN REPORTEDLY MET IN THE OFFICE COMPLEX NEARBY AND TRIED TO WALK TO ASSEMBLY BUILDING TO DEMAND SESSION. THEY WERE BLOCKED BY SECURITY FORCES, SCUFFLED WITH THEM BRIEFLY, AND THEN RETREATED TO CAFETERIA IN THEIR OFFICE COMPLEX WHERE THEY SUBMITTED THEIR RESIGNATION TO THE FLOOR LEADER. RESIGNATIONS BECOME FINAL ONLY IF ACCEPTED BY ACTING SPEAKER.

6. WE HAVE REPORTS THAT A NUMBER OF DRP ASSEMBLYMEN MET AT BANGU HOTEL NEAR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. ACCORDING TO SOURCES, KIM CHANG KEUN (M-R: KIM CHANG-KON), DRP POLICY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, AND CHOI YOUNG CHUL (M-R: CH'OE YONG-CHOL), DRP SPOKESMAN, ADDRESSED GATHERING AND MADE REMARKS CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT POLICY. HOWEVER, NO OTHER DRP ASSEMBLYMEN MADE ANY COMMENTS.

7. ALL AREAS OUTSIDE SEOUL REPORT CALM EXCEPT FOR KWANGJU, WHERE FORCEFUL MEASURES USED BY TROOPS TO IMPOSE ORDER HAVE APPARENTLY AROUSED CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT. RUMORS OF TROOP BRUTALITY IN KWANGJU CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE IN SEOUL. POLICE REPORTS CONFIRM THAT CLASHES BETWEEN CIVILIANS AND TROOPS HAVE CAUSED ONE DEATH (INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED ONLY AS A DEAF-MUTE). "SEVERAL DOZEN" INJURIES, MOSTLY TO CIVILIANS, ARE ALSO REPORTED. MANY INJURY/ATROCITY RUMORS FEATURE TROOPS' USING BAYONETS; BPAO KWANGJU REPORTS SEEING TROOPS WITH BAYONETS BUT HAS NOT SEEN THE WEAPONS USED.

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8. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS OF DISTURBANCES IN MOKPO, BUT  
WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THEM. GLEYSTEEN

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