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E.O. 12065: GDS 05/21/86 (CLARK, WILLIAM) DR-P
TAGS: PINT PGOV KS
SUBJECT: KOREA SITREP, 1430, MAY 21

REF: SE00L 6390 R

1. [REDACTED]
2. SEOUL, PUSAN, AND TAEGU CONTINUE CALM. RUMORS OF EVENTS IN KWANGJU CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE, AND WE HAVE ONE REPORT OF SOLDIERS' BEING JEERED IN A PUBLIC MARKET IN SEOUL. MARTIAL LAW COMMAND ISSUED A BRIEF BROADCAST ANNOUNCEMENT AT 11:00 A.M. SAYING THAT "DISTURBANCES" IN KWANGJU HAD NOT ENDED BUT SOON WOULD. THE COMMAND ACCUSED "STUDENTS IN SEOUL" OF RUMORMONGERING AND "EXACERBATING THE LOCAL SITUATION." ONE EXAMPLE WAS CITED, A RUMOR THAT SOLDIERS IN KWANGJU HAD RAPED A COED. CASUALTY FIGURES FOR KWANGJU WERE GIVEN: 5 POLICE, 1 SOLDIER, AND "AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER" OF CITIZENS KILLED.

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3. KWANGJU: A CROWD ESTIMATED AT 80,000 TO 100,000 GATHERED IN THE CENTER OF KWANGJU MAY 20 AND SINCE ABOUT 7:00 P.M. THAT DAY HAS BEEN ATTACKING SECURITY FORCES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS. AT LEAST FIVE POLICE STATIONS HAVE BEEN ATTACKED, TWO BROADCASTING STATIONS BURNED, AND THE LOCAL MARTIAL LAW COMMAND HQ, KWANGJU CITY HALL, A POST OFFICE, AND THE PROVINCIAL CAPITOL ALL BESEIGED OR OCCUPIED. THE MAIN RAIL LINE FROM THE NORTH WAS BLOCKED

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