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E.O. 12035 GDS 05/21/86 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P  
TAGS: PINS PGOV KS  
SUBJECT: KWANGJU RIOT AND FUTURE POLITICAL STABILITY

1. [REDACTED]  
2. KWANGJU DISORDERS CONTINUE EXTREMELY SERIOUS AS OF LATE AFTERNOON MAY 21 (SEE SITREP). WHILE MILITARY WILL PROBABLY RESTORE ORDER USING CONSIDERABLE FORCE, SUFFICIENT DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE TO CREATE SCARS WHICH WILL LAST FOR YEARS.

3. SLOGANS IN KWANGJU ARE IN MANY WAYS SIMILAR TO THOSE SEEN IN SEUL AND ELSEWHERE. WHY THEN HAS THIS SOUTHERN CITY FALLEN INTO SERIOUS RIOTING AND A VERY GREAT LOSS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER? IT IS PROBABLE THAT REGIONALISM IS PLAYING SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE INTENSITY OF THE RIOT IN KWANGJU. CHOLLA PEOPLE HAVE FELT THEMSELVES SECOND CLASS CITIZENS FOR A LONG, LONG

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TIME, AND THEY ESCALATED THEIR PROTEST TO SPIRITED CONFRONTATION WITH THE AUTHORITIES QUICKLY IN RESPONSE TO NEWS OF THE DETENTION OF KIM DAE JUNG (M-R: KIM TAE-CHUNG), CHOLLA'S LEADING POLITICIAN, AND THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY MARTIAL LAW. POLICE AND TROOPS RESPONDED WITH SPECIAL DEGREE OF SEVERITY, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE SPIRIT OF THE CHALLENGE, BUT POSSIBLY BECAUSE THAT WAS HOW THEY FELT THEY SHOULD TREAT CHOLLA PEOPLE. AT LEAST THAT IS HOW THE CITIZENS OF KWANGJU ARE LIKELY TO LOOK

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