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E.O. 12065: GDS 05/22/86 (CLARK, WILLIAM) DR-P
 TAGS: ASEC PINS KS
 SUBJECT: KOREA SITREP, 1800, MAY 22, 1980

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2. CALM CONTINUES IN SEUL AND MOST MAJOR CITIES. TROOP UNITS OBSERVED YESTERDAY IN DOWNTOWN PUSAN (REFTEL) ARE NO LONGER IN EVIDENCE. TROOPS WHO WERE ENCAMPED ON THE YONSEI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN SEUL HAVE PULLED OUT, LEAVING ONLY GUARD FORCE AND RUMOR HAS IT THEY HAVE GONE TO KWANGJU.

3. KWANGJU: PRIOR TO THE MILITARY PULL OUT, A SEUL BROADCAST MONITORED 8:00 P.M. YESTERDAY, MAY 21, BY FBIS, SAYS DEMONSTRATORS IN KWANGJU "INCREASED TO 150,000 TODAY AND FINALLY BECAME RIOTERS." THE "RIOTERS" WERE SAID TO HAVE SEIZED 238 VEHICLES, ABOUT 3,500 FIREARMS, AND 46,400 BOUNDS OF AMMUNITION. LOOTING AND SHOOTING INCIDENTS WERE

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DESCRIBED, WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT "KWANGJU CITY (HAS) TURNED COMPLETELY INTO A SCENE OF HORRORS." NO CASUALTY FIGURES WERE GIVEN. PARATROOPERS WERE SAID TO BE DEFENDING AGAINST RIOTERS WHO WERE FIRING TWO AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FROM THE ROOF OF CHONNAM MEDICAL COLLEGE. RIOTERS WERE REPORTED FIRING ON HELICOPTERS OVERHEAD.

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4. AS OF 2:00 A.M. MAY 22, ARMY TROOPS IN KWANGJU WERE ORDERED TO PULL BACK FROM THE CITY AND TO FIRE ONLY IF

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FIRED UPON, AND THEN TO AIM FOR THE LOWER HALF OF THE BODY. POLICE HAVE ALSO WITHDRAWN. A FURTHER ARMY REPORT, AS OF LATE MORNING MAY 22, WAS THAT CHECKPOINTS HAVE BEEN SET UP AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF KWANGJU WHERE CITIZENS MAY TURN IN CAPTURED FIREARMS, AND THAT "SOME" (NO FIGURES) WEAPONS HAD BEEN TURNED IN. THOSE TURNING IN ARMS REPORTEDLY TOLD TROOPS THAT "OTHERS" HAD FORCED THEM TO ACCEPT THE WEAPONS. DISORDERS IN THE CITY CONTINUE BUT, AS OF 6:00 P.M. MAY 22, THERE WERE SOME INDICATIONS THEY MIGHT BE COOLING DOWN SOMEWHAT.

5. OUTSIDE KWANGJU, DISORDERS REMAIN CONFINED TO SOUTH CHOLLA PROVINCE. PLACES AFFECTED ARE MOKP'Ō (REFTEL), SURROUNDED BY TROOPS; NAJU (REFTEL); Hwasun, SOUTH OF KWANGJU, AND SUNCH'ON, ABOUT 40 MILES FROM KWANGJU IN THE DIRECTION OF MASAN.

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*****] THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO BE RESTRAINED BUT THAT ANY NORTHWARD MOVEMENT OF DISTURBANCES WOULD MAKE THIS VERY DIFFICULT. WE HAVE ALSO HAD REPORTS THAT VICE GOVERNOR IS MEETING WITH A SMALL GROUP OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES. TONGA RADIO IN SEUL REPORTS NEW PRIME MINISTER IS ADDRESSING 20,000 KWANGJU RESIDENTS, BUT WE HAVE NO FURTHER CONFIRMATION.

7. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A REPORT THAT A FEW OF THE MISSIONARIES WHO WERE IN KWANGJU HAVE RETURNED TO TAEJON. THEY DID THIS BY PUTTING AN AMERICAN FLAG ON THEIR CAR AND DRIVING OUT OF THE CITY. THEY REPORT THEY WERE CHEERED ON THEIR WAY OUT. THE OTHER MISSIONARIES HAVE ELECTED TO REMAIN FOR THE PRESENT.

8. COMMENT: DESIRE FOR RESTRAINT AT PRESENT SEEMS SINCERE ON PART OF ROK ARMY LEADERS: CONTAINMENT RATHER THAN SUPPRESSION IS THE STRATEGY FOR THE PRESENT, AND THE RETENTION OF THE HOME AND DEFENSE MINISTERS IN THE NEW CABINET SUGGESTS IT MAY CONTINUE. LIMITED FIRING ORDER GIVEN TO TROOPS IN KWANGJU STRENGTHENS THIS IMPRESSION. CONCERN WITH NORTHWARD MOVEMENT IS APPARENTLY EQUALLY GENUINE: NORTH OF KWANGJU LIES CHOLLA PUKTO PROVINCE, WHICH SHARES WITH KWANGJU AND CHOLLA NAMDO A SOMEWHAT

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