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E.O. 12065: GDS 5/24/86 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P  
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, KS  
SUBJECT: KOREAN SITREP, 1200, MAY 24, 1980

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2. A TRUCE OF SORTS PREVAILS IN KWANGJU, AND IN AN OBVIOUS EFFORT TO CREATE AN AURA OF OPTIMISM GOVERNMENT RADIO THIS MORNING FOR THE FIRST TIME DESCRIBED AS "BRIGHT" THE PROSPECTS FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. A CITIZENS' COMMITTEE, HEADED BY BISHOP YUN KONG-HUI (M-R) AND INCLUDING TWENTY STUDENTS, IS FUNCTIONING AS A LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY. IT IS SUPERVISING A STREET CLEANUP AS WELL AS THE ONGOING ARMS TURN-IN PROGRAM. AUTHORITIES REPORT 2,500 WEAPONS HANDED IN AS OF ABOUT 9:00 A.M. MAY 24. THE COMMITTEE'S FOLLOWERS REPORTEDLY ARE POLICING THE CITY; TV FILMS HAVE SHOWN YOUNG MEN CARRYING 4-FOOT STAVES SUCCESSFULLY CALMING A RATHER ANGRY CROWD.

3. NEGOTIATIONS MEANWHILE CONTINUE BETWEEN THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE AND THE AUTHORITIES. THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE'S

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DEMANDS REPORTEDLY INCLUDE: PROMISE OF NO REPRISALS AGAINST CITIZENS; RELEASE OF ALL PERSONS ARRESTED; COMPENSATION BY GOVERNMENT TO THOSE INJURED AND TO FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED; AND PUBLICIZING OF A "FAIR ACCOUNT" OF EVENTS IN KWANGJU, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT ADMISSION THAT TROOPS COMMITTED EXCESSES. NEGOTIATIONS SEEM LIKELY TO CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

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4. BPAO KWANGJU: BPAO DAVID MILLER UNHARMED. HE IS AT  
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KWANGJU AFB AND IS EXPECTED IN SEOUL THIS AFTERNOON.

5. OTHER DISTURBANCES ARE REPORTED IN CHOLLA NAMDO PROVINCE, BUT RATHER LOW-LEVEL AND NO LONGER SPREADING. SOME KWANGJU DIEHARDS HAVE REPORTEDLY TAKEN TO THE HILLS-- AN OLD CHOLLA TRADITION BUT ONE WHICH IN MODERN TIMES HAS NOT PRODUCED SELF-SUSTAINING RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS.

6. THE REST OF KOREA IS CALM. MEDIA AGAIN PLAYING THE SITUATION IN KWANGJU, ALTHOUGH ACCOUNTS OF THE KWANGJU RESIDENTS' VERSION STILL DO NOT APPEAR. NEWSPAPERS CARRY SUBSTANTIAL NEWS AND EDITORIAL CONTENT, INDICATING REPORTORIAL STAFFS ARE BACK AT WORK. GLEYSTEN

  
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