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SUBJECT: KOREA SITUATION REPORT NO. 8

1. (U) FOLLOWING IS A STATE DEPT SITUATION REPORT ON  
KOREAN DEVELOPMENTS AS OF 0700 EDT MAY 26, 1980 (261100ZMAY).

2. (C) THE SITUATION IN KWANGJU REMAINS QUIET BUT TENSE.  
AN EARLIER REPORT THAT THE INSURGENTS HAD SET UP PEOPLE'S  
COURTS AND HAD CARRIED OUT EXECUTIONS HAS NOT BEEN FULLY  
CONFIRMED, AND SHOULD BE TREATED WITH CAUTION. ACCORDING

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TO PRESS REPORTS, A THIRD ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN CITIZEN  
REPRESENTATIVES AND THE MILITARY BEGAN ON MONDAY MORNING;  
TWO EARLIER ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT HAD FAILED.  
ALL LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND SUPPLY INTO KWANGJU REMAIN  
CUT OFF. GOVERNMENT TV COVERAGE FROM A HELICOPTER SHOWED  
PEOPLE COOKING OVER OUTDOOR FIRES, AND TRUCKS AND JEEPS  
WERE MOVING THROUGH THE STREETS WITH ARMED MEN ABOARD.

3. (C) SUNDAY NIGHT PRESIDENT CHOI REPORTED TO THE NATION  
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ON HIS TRIP TO THE KWANGJU AREA, AND URGED STUDENTS TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES. HE CALLED FOR A DIALOGUE AND PROMISED REHABILITATION AID BUT STATED THAT ORDER WOULD HAVE TO BE RESTORED. THE OVERALL TONE OF THE SPEECH, WHICH WAS BROADCAST AGAIN MONDAY MORNING, WAS REASONABLE AND CONCILIATORY. A LENGTHY MARTIAL LAW "ANNOUNCEMENT" SUNDAY

NIGHT REPORTED THAT HARDLINERS HAD DECIDED TO "STRUGGLE TO THE END," BUT THAT MOST OF THE CITIZENS OF KWANGJU "ARDENTLY DESIRE THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES TO RESTORE ORDER." IN AN ENCOURAGING MOVE TOWARD ACKNOWLEDGING MISTAKES, THE STATEMENT ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO "ATROCITIES OF STABBING BY THE TROOPS."

4. (S) ACCORDING TO GEN. C H U N D O O H W A N, HE IS UNDER GREAT PRESSURE (FROM AN UNSPECIFIED SOURCE) TO END THE STALEMATE AND MOVE AGAINST THE CITY. SUBSEQUENTLY, JCS CHAIRMAN LEW INFORMED U.S. COMMANDER GEN. WICKHAM THAT THE ROK ARMY WILL MOVE INTO KWANGJU UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS AT MIDNIGHT MONDAY (1100 EDT MONDAY). IF THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE IN THE STREETS (EARLIER REPORTS OF 200,000 MILLING DOWNTOWN HAVE BEEN DISCOUNTED), THE CHANCES OF LARGE CASUALTY FIGURES WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED.

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5. (C) AS FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN, THERE ARE 31 AMERICANS IN KWANGJU, 25 OF WHOM HAVE BEEN CONTACTED. SOME REPORT THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE CITY BUT OTHERS SAY THEY WISH TO STAY. THE EMBASSY IS CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TO CONTACT ALL AMERICANS IN THE AREA. LATE INFORMATION CONFIRMS THAT FIVE OF THESE SAFELY EXITED KWANGJU ON MONDAY.

6. (C) OTHER KOREAN CITIES, ASIDE FROM KWANGJU, REMAIN QUIET. SPECIAL FORCES TROOPS DID MAKE A SHOW OF FORCE IN SEOUL, POSSIBLY IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS OF A UNIVERSITY RALLY MONDAY AFTERNOON.

7. (C) NORTH KOREAN SOURCES REPORT THAT RALLIES HAVE BEEN HELD IN PYONGYANG "TO DEMONCE SUPPRESSIVE MEASURES" IN SOUTH KOREA. THE RHETORIC SHOWS NO CHANGE IN PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITIONS. MUSKIE

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