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TAGS: PGOV, PINT, KS
SUBJECT: ATMOSPHERICS -- HOW IT LOOKS FROM THE OUTSIDE

1. [REDACTED]
2. KOREA REMAINS UNDER A QUIET ENFORCED BY SOLDIERS AND FEAR AMONG THE PEOPLE OF REKINDLING THE FIRES OF THE LAST FEW WEEKS. PEOPLE SENSE HOW CLOSE THE COUNTRY CAME TO TEARING ITSELF APART.
3. SIGNS OF PALPABLE TENSION IN SEUL HAVE DIMINISHED SOMEWHAT. WHILE THE HEAVIER SIGNS OF MARTIAL LAW HAVE LESSENERED, E.G., CONVOYS OF ARMED TROOPS ARE NO LONGER BEING DRIVEN AROUND THE CITY AND THE NUMBER OF BUSES WITH COMBAT POLICE AT STRATEGIC POINTS HAS GONE FROM THREE TO ONE, THERE IS STILL NO DOUBT IN SEUL THAT MARTIAL LAW IS IN FORCE. CAPITOL SECURITY COMMAND (CSC) APC'S REMAIN IN POSITION IN FRONT OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND CSC TROOPERS STAND GUARD,

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BACKED BY A POLICEMAN. MACHINE GUNS ON THE APC'S ARE MANNED BUT NOT LOADED. TWO CSC TROOPERS FLANK THE DOORS INTO NEWSPAPER OFFICES AND BROADCASTING STATIONS.

4. SPECIAL FORCES BRIGADES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 7TH WHICH IS NORMALLY IN KWANGJU AND REMAINS THERE, HAVE RETURNED TO SEUL. MOST HAVE TAKEN UP RESIDENCE ON SEUL'S CAMPUSES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 3RD WHICH IS AT THE TRAINING CENTER. ONE BATTALION OF THE

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7TH IN KWANGJU IS REPORTED TO BE ON ALERT STATUS TO COPE WITH ARMED RIOTERS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO BE HIDING IN THE HILLS. YESTERDAY'S NEWSPAPER CARRIED THE FIRST STORY OF ARMS BEING USED IN THE KWANGJU AREA TO SECURE FOOD. OUR BPAO, WHO HAS RETURNED TO KWANGJU, REPORTS THE CITY BEING TENSE BUT QUIET. OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY ARE ALSO QUIET.

5. THE RELATIVE POSITIONS OF FIGURES IN CONTROL OF EVENTS WAS BROUGHT HOME BY TODAY'S NEWSPAPER. PRESIDENT CHOI, WHO IN RECENT DAYS HAS BEEN SHOWN PLANTING RICE AND SITTING IN HIS CHAIR AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE, IS PICTURED HANGING A DECORATION ON AN OUTGOING AMBASSADOR NOT EVEN RESIDENT IN SEOUL. ON THE SAME FRONT PAGE, GENERAL CHUN, IN CIVILIAN DRESS, IS PICTURED SHAKING HANDS WITH THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS CONGRATULATING HIM IN FRONT OF HIS JUST-OPENED STANDING COMMITTEE OFFICE LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL EDUCATION INSTITUTE IN SEOUL. FLANKING THESE TWO CENTRAL FIGURES AND CLAPPING ARE THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE MARTIAL LAW COMMANDER, WHO IS ALSO CHIEF-OF-STAFF ARMY.

6. IN SUM, THE COUNTRY APPEARS QUIET, THE ARMY IS STILL

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VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE, THE NEW COUNCIL/STANDING COMMITTEE GIVES THE APPEARANCE OF RUNNING THE GOVERNMENT, AND NO ONE REALLY KNOWS HOW FAR OR HOW PURITANICALLY THE NEW REGIME WILL PUSH FOR TIGHTER NATIONAL DISCIPLINE. RUMORS OF IMPENDING DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE GREATLY DIMINISHED. GLEYSTEN

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