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REPORTER KRISHER WAS ALSO PRESENT.

4. ACKERMAN LED OFF BY EXPLAINING HOW THE DINNER MEETING OF THE AMCHAM LEADERS WITH GENERAL CHUN DOO HWAN HAD COME ABOUT. NEWSWEEK REPORTER BERNARD KRISHER HAD SUGGESTED THAT HE THOUGHT CHUN WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO SUCH A MEETING IF THE BUSINESSMEN WANTED IT. ACKERMAN'S INDICATION OF INTEREST DREW A RAPID RESPONSE FROM GENERAL CHUN'S OFFICE WHICH ASKED WHAT THE BUSINESS OBJECTIVES WOULD BE FOR SUCH A MEETING. ACKERMAN RESPONDED THAT THE BUSINESSMEN WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC, RATHER THAN POLITICAL ISSUES, ESPECIALLY PROBLEMS THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY FACED. GEN CHUN HAD BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY KIM JAE-IK AND BY AN INTERPRETER, A MR. KIM.

5. KEY POINTS GENERAL CHUN HAD MADE TO THE GROUP HAD INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

-- THE STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES UNDER THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY MEASURES HAD BEEN DESIGNED TO HANDLE A PROBLEM TO WHICH THE AMCHAM LEADERS HAD REFERRED; NAMELY THE PROBLEM OF KOREAN BUREAUCRATIC INACTIVITY. THE INTENTION WAS TO "PROD" THE BUREAUCRACY.


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-- IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION OF HOW LONG HE THOUGHT THE PRESENT PERIOD OF POLITICAL INSTABILITY WOULD LAST, CHUN SAID HE THOUGHT THIS PERIOD MIGHT BE OVER BEFORE THE END OF 1981 (AMCHAM MEMBERS COMMENTED TO US THAT THEY THOUGHT HE MEANT THAT A NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE IN PLACE WELL BEFORE THAT TIME, BUT THAT THE INSTABILITY MIGHT CONTINUE THAT LONG).

-- ASKED IF CHUN ENVISAGED GOVERNMENT MORE OR LESS LIBERAL THAN THAT OF PARK CHUNG HEE, CHUN HAD ANSWERED "SOMEWHAT MORE LIBERAL." ACCORDING TO CHUN, PARK HAD NEVER CHANGED HIS VIEW OF GOVERNMENT, BUT THE KOREAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO THE WEST AND WERE CHANGING. A GAP HAD WIDENED BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT AND WHILE PARK HAD NOT ADJUSTED HIS GOVERNMENT TO THIS NEW REALITY, CHUN THOUGHT SOME SUCH ADJUSTMENT WAS NEEDED.

-- ASKED ABOUT KWANGJU, CHUN HAD GONE OFF ON A LENGTHY STATEMENT. HE SAID HE WOULD PROVE THAT KIM DAE JUNG WAS THE GUILTY LEADER OF A SMALL BAND OF HOOLIGANS AND OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISORDER. CHUN THOUGHT KDJ WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATHS IN KWANGJU. HE SAID 22 BODIES COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED, ALL OF WHOM MIGHT BE NORTH KOREAN INFILTRATORS. ASKED IF HARSH TREATMENT OF KDJ MIGHT NOT MAKE A MARTYR OF HIM NOT ONLY WITH THE KOREAN PEOPLE BUT

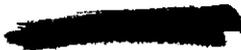
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ALSO WITH FOREIGN OPINION, CHUN CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT KDJ AND WOULD PROSECUTE HIM AND PROVE IT. HE ALSO CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION THAT HIS SENSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SUBORDINATED ANY CON-



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THROUGHTHE AGENCY OF "THE BEST MINDS" LIKE KIM JAE IK.

7. CHUN DID NOT DRINK MUCH DURING THE DINNER NOR WAS MUCH ALCOHOL SERVED. BUT IT IS RUMORED THAT CHUN IS AN ENTHUSIASTIC KAESING PARTY-GOER WHERE HE DOES DRINK HEAVILY. CHUN INDICATED THAT HE WORKED LONG HOURS, SOME- TIMES NOT LEAVING HIS OFFICE UNTIL AROUND MIDNIGHT AND WHEN HE WORKED LATE HE SOMETIMES SPENT THE NIGHT AT A KAESING HOUSE. (THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER THIS FACET OF HIS PERSONALITY WAS INCONSISTENT WITH CHUN'S STATEMENT THAT HE WAS A STRONG FAMILY MAN; THERE WAS SOME THOUGHT THAT, IN A CONFUCIAN SYSTEM, THE TWO WERE NOT NECESSARILY INCONSISTENT.)

8. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT BERNARD KRISHER'S ROLE IN SETTING UP THE DINNER AND PARTICIPATING IN IT. KRISHER HAD INTERVENED DURING THE DISCUSSION AT ONLY TWO POINTS. HE HAD ASKED CHUN ABOUT KWANGJU AND ABOUT THE RISKS OF BEING INSULATED FROM REALITY. KRISHER HAD EXPLAINED HIS POSITION WITH CHUN AS HAVING BEEN BASED ON AN EARLIER INTERVIEW WITH THE GENERAL DURING WHICH HE HAD RESPECTED THE GENERAL'S WISHES THAT CERTAIN IDEAS BE KEPT OFF THE RECORD, WHEREAS A "TIME" CORRESPONDENT AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME VIOLATED THE AGREED GUIDELINES. THIS EPISODE HAD



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GIVEN KRISHER ACCESS TO CHUN. THE AMBASSADOR SHOWED THE BUSINESSMEN KRISHER'S "NEWSWEEK" ARTICLE (WHICH THEY HAD NOT SEEN SINCE IT WAS CENSORED) IN WHICH KRISHER HAD REFERRED TO THE DINNER. THE BUSINESSMEN WERE IRRITATED THAT KRISHER HAD WRITTEN THAT THEY HAD COME AWAY FROM THE MEETING "IMPRESSED" WITH GENERAL CHUN. AS THEIR COMMENTS INDICATED, THIS WAS REALLY NOT THE CASE AND THEY FELT KRISHER HAD HAD NO BASIS FOR SUCH A STATEMENT SINCE THEY HAD HAD NO POST-DINNER DISCUSSION WITH HIM. GLEYSTEEN



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