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E.O. 12065: GDS 07/05/86 (MONJO, JOHN C.) OR-M  
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SUBJECT: MARTIAL LAW COMMAND DETAILS CHARGES ON  
- KIM DAE JUNG IN ANNOUNCING COURT MARTIAL  
- FOR KIM AND 36 FOLLOWERS

REF: (A) SEOUL 6513 (NOTAL), (B) SEOUL 8502 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: THE MARTIAL LAW COMMAND ISSUED A REPORT ON KIM DAE JUNG AND 36 OF HIS FOLLOWERS, CHARGING KIM WITH VIOLATING SEVERAL LAWS AND MARTIAL LAW DECREES. THE REPORT SAYS KIM IS A CONFIRMED COMMUNIST, WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KWANGJU DISTURBANCES, AND OUTLINES

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HIS ALLEGED COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES SINCE 1945. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE (INCLUDING A JAPANESE DIETMAN) ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE HELPED KIM IN HIS QUEST TO OVERTHROW THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISH AN INTEROM GOVERNMENT WITH KIM HIMSELF AS THE NATION'S LEADER. THE LENGTHY REPORT APPEARS TO OFFER NO CHANCE THAT KIM CAN ESCAPE CONVICTION BY A COURT MARTIAL, WHICH IS TO CONVENE SHORTLY. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) THE MARTIAL LAW COMMAND (MLC) ENDED ITS INVESTIGA-  
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TION OF KIM DAE JUNG (M-R: KIM TAE-CHUNG) BY ANNOUNCING JULY 4 THAT KIM AND 36 ALLEGED FOLLOWERS WOULD SHORTLY BE TRIED BY GENERAL COURT MARTIAL ON CHARGES OF "INCITING REBELLION," AND VIOLATING THE NATIONAL SECURITY LAW, THE ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW, THE FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTROL LAW, AND VARIOUS MARTIAL LAW DECREES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWED THE MAY 22 INTERIM REPORTS (REF A), IN WHICH KIM WAS ACCUSED BY THE MLC OF SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME THINGS. ACCORDING TO THE JULY 4 MLC REPORT, SEVERAL PEOPLE HAD VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED, COOPERATED WITH THE AUTHORITIES, REPENTED OF THEIR WRONGDOINGS AND WERE RELEASED WITH "ADMONITIONS." THESE PEOPLE INCLUDE KIM TONG-GIL (M-R: KIM TONG-KIL), THE BROTHER OF THE EX-MINISTER OF EDUCATION; FOPMFP NDP ASSEMBLYMAN YI YONG-HUI (M-R); AND HAM SAE-UNG (M-R) AND KIM SUNG-HUN (M-R: KIM SUNG-HON), BOTH CATHOLIC PRIESTS.

3. (U) ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, KIM DAE JUNG AND HIS FOLLOWERS HAD FORMED THE "NATIONAL PEOPLES' LEAGUE" (KUKMINYONHAPHOE) AS A POWER BASE AND HAD USED THIS ORGANIZATION TO RECRUIT REINSTATED STUDENTS. KIM ALLEGEDLY PLOTTED TO USE THESE STUDENTS TO CAUSE DISTURBANCES AND VIOLENCE TO "PROVOKE A BLOODY MASS REVOLUTION," OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT, AND INSTALL HIMSELF AS

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HEAD OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT. THE REPORT CONTINUES THAT KIM ALSO SPONSORED THE "NATIONAL CONGRESS FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY AND PROMOTION OF UNIFICATION" (HANMINTONG) IN JAPAN. AS CHAIRMAN OF THIS ORGANIZATION, KIM "ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING OR SYMPATHETIC TO NORTH KOREAN COMMUNIST OBJECTIVES."

4. (U) ACCORDING TO THE 47-PAGE REPORT, KIM SAW THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT PARK AS A CHANCE TO COME TO POWER AND PLANNED TO REJOIN THE NDP AND USE HIS PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TOWARD THAT END. AFTER FAILING TO TAKE OVER THE NDP, HE CONCENTRATED ON HIS OWN ORGANIZATIONS IN HIS QUEST FOR POWER. TO INSTIGATE AN UPRISING, KIM, OVER THE PROTESTS OF YUN PD SUN (M-R: YUN P'O-SON) AND HAM SUK-HON (M-R), USED HIS "PEOPLE'S LEAGUE" AS THE CENTERPIECE OF A NETWORK OF ORGANIZATIONS AIMED PRIMARILY AT AGITATING STUDENTS.

5. (U) KIM AND HIS STAFF ALLEGEDLY HELD A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH STUDENTS, MOST OF WHOM HAD RETURNED TO SCHOOL THIS SEMESTER AFTER EXPULSION OR IMPRISONMENT FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY DURING THE PARK YEARS. AT THESE MEETINGS, STUDENT COORDINATING GROUPS WERE SET UP, AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND ADVICE, SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, MONEY, AND PROPAGANDA MATERIALS WERE GIVEN OUT. A "NETWORK OF THE NATION'S STUDENT COUNCILS" WAS FORMED TO MASTERMIND

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CIVIL DISTURBANCES. KIM REPORTEDLY ISSUED A SERIES OF ORDERS TO HIS FOLLOWERS TO HAVE STUDENT VIOLENCE ESCALATED, THE LATEST ORDER COMING ON MAY 16.

6. (U) HIS ACTIVITIES DID NOT CEASE WITH THE MARTIAL LAW DECLARATION ON MAY 17, HOWEVER, AND THE KWANGJU INCIDENT, IN WHICH HE WAS THE "STRING-PULLER," IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN

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THE RESULT OF HIS CONTINUING INSTIGATIONS.

7. (U) WHILE STUDENTS WERE HIS SHOCK TROOPS, KIM ALSO SUPPOSEDLY SET UP MORE SOPHISTICATED ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING A COMPLETE SHADOW GOVERNMENT TO ACCOMPANY HIM INTO POWER (USING PROMISES OF OFFICIAL POSITIONS TO EXTRACT ILLEGAL CONTRIBUTIONS). HE ALSO IS ACCUSED OF EXTENSIVE ORGANIZING WITHIN EXISTING INSTITUTIONS, PRINCIPALLY THE PRESS. HE IS SAID TO HAVE RECRUITED EDITORS AND REPORTERS TO SPREAD "MALICIOUS LIES," THOUGH THE REPORT SAYS HE FAILED IN A MORE GRANDIOSE ATTEMPT TO COOPT THE ENTIRE NATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATION AND CAUSE A MASS SHUTDOWN OF THE COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA.

8. (U) A FINAL MAJOR SECTION OF THE REPORT IS DEVOTED TO KIM'S "POLITICO-IDEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND." OLD ACCUSATIONS

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OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE 1940'S ARE REPEATED IN DETAIL. HE IS ACCUSED OF "CONTACT WITH" A LATER-EXECUTED NORTH KOREAN AGENT DURING HIS 1967 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CAMPAIGN, AND OF SETTING UP PRO-COMMUNIST EXPATRIATE ORGANIZATIONS IN JAPAN AND THE U.S. IN THE EARLY 1970'S. KIM IS ACCUSED OF RECEIVING RED-TAINTED FUNDS, INCLUDING 200,000 YEN FROM JAPANESE DIETMAN AND SUPPOSED NORTH KOREAN SPOKESMAN UTSUNOMIYA TOKUMA. THE YEN PURPORTEDLY CAME THROUGH RECENTLY-RESIGNED DUP REP. KIM NOK-YOUNG

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(M-R: KIM NOK-YONG). POSSESSION OF THESE CUNDS HAS TO DO WITH CURRENCY-CONTROL VIOLATION CHARGES AGAINST KIM. KIM'S OVERSEAS SPEECHES ARE ALSO QUOTED, MOSTLY PASSAGES WHICH EITHER CRITICIZED THE PARK REGIME BY COMPARING IT UNFAVORABLY WITH THAT OF KIM IL-SUNG (M-R: KIM IL-SONG) OR WHICH OFFERED PERSONAL VIEWS ON REUNIFICATION WHICH APPEAR TO INCORPORATE ELEMENTS OF KIM IL-SUNG'S "KORYO CONFEDERATION" PLAN.

9. (U) THE CLOSING RECOMMENDATION IS ONE TO THE KOREAN PEOPLE, TO REMEMBER THE HORRORS OF THE KOREAN WAR AND TO REFLECT ON THE "RECKLESS ATTEMPTS STAGED BY KIM DAE-JUNG AND HIS FOLLOWERS."

10. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE REPORT APPEARS TO LEAVE NO ROOM FOR ANYTHING BUT A GUILTY VERDICT FOR KIM. IT TRACES AN ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT WITH COMMUNIST CAUSES AND THE NORTH KOREAN LEADER GOING BACK TO 1945, AND IN THE PROCESS IMPLICATES NUMEROUS PRESENT AND EX-NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN, STUDENTS, MEDIA PEOPLE, AND BUSINESSMEN. MANY ARE NAMED, BUT MORE NAMES CAN BE EXPECTED TO EMERGE LATER. IN ADDITION, THE NAMING OF UTSUNOMIYA, A SITTING MEMBER OF THE DIET, WILL DOUBTLESS PROVOKE INTERESTING REACTIONS IN JAPAN. ALL IN ALL, IT APPEARS IMPOSSIBLE THAT KIM CAN

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SUCCESSFULLY REFUTE ALL (IF ANY) OF THE CHARGES.  
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