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SUBJECT: RUMORS OF ARRESTS

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1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. RUMORS OF IMPENDING EXTENSION OF THE "PURIFICATION"
CAMPAIGN INTO NEW SEGMENTS OF THE SOCIETY ARE WIDE-SPREAD
IN SEOUL. WE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO REPORT ON THEM
AFTER A SCHEDULED PRESS CONFERENCE BY GENERAL CHUN (M-R:
CHON TU-HWAN) JULY 18; THE PRESS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN
POSTPONED AND WE SEND IN THE FOLLOWING FOR WHAT IT IS
WORTH:

- -- SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE TOLD US THAT FROM 120-150
JOURNALISTS ARE ON A LIST OF THOSE WHO MUST BE DISMISSED
FROM THEIR JOBS. THE REASONS FOR THE DISMISSALS WILL
REPORTEDLY BE CORRUPTION OR PRONING DISTORTIONS ABOUT
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THE KWANGJU INCIDENT.

- -- PAK SE-KYONG (M-R), A LAWYER ACTIVE IN HUMAN
RIGHTS CASES, WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED JULY 16. THIS WAS
BECAUSE, SAY THOSE REPORTING THE ALLEGED ARREST, HE
PERSISTED IN HIS INTENTION TO DEFEND KIM DAE JUNG (M-R:
KIM TAE-CHUNG) AT THE LATTER'S UPCOMING COURT MARTIAL, IN
SPITE OF BEING WARNED OFF THE CASE. ANOTHER LAWYER, YI
TON-MYONG (M-R), WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY ARRESTED FOR THE

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SAME REASON.

- -- AS MANY AS 150 ACADEMICS HAVE BEEN DISMISSED FROM THEIR JOBS OR ARRESTED, ACCORDING TO RUMORS REACHING ICA. NEWSMEN HAVE TOLD US THAT THESE INCLUDE KIM CHOM-KON (M-R), AN EX-MAJOR GENERAL WHO IS NOW DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL AT KYONGI UNIVERSITY. THESE NEWSMEN CLAIM THAT DEAN KIM'S NAME WAS FOUND IN DOCUMENTS OBTAINED FROM KIM DAE JUNG SUPPORTERS, AND THAT LED TO HIS ARREST. WE ARE FAIRLY SURE THAT DEAN DAVID KWANGSUN SUH (M-R: SO KWANG-SON) OF EWAH WAS ARRESTED JULY 16.

- -- A SOURCE CLOSE TO NDP HEADQUARTERS TOLD US JULY 18 THAT NDP ASSEMBLYMEN CHUN MYUNG KEE (M-R: CHONG MYONG-KI) HAD BEEN ARRESTED TWO DAYS PREVIOUSLY. (CHUN WAS KIM DAE JUNG'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER IN 1971.) THERE ARE ALSO PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT SUCH NDP STALWARTS AS LEE CHUL SUNG (M-R: YI CHUL-SUN), KOH HUNG MOON (M-R: KO HUNG-MUN), AND CHUNG HAE-YONG (M-R: CHONG HAE-YONG) WILL BE ARRESTED SOON FOR CORRUPTION.

3. COMMENT: IF EVEN PARTIALLY TRUE, THE RUMORED (AND WE EMPHASIZE THAT WORD) ACTIONS MEAN THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS GONE BEYOND THE NEXT SCHEDULED PURIFICATION TARGETS, THE

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STATE-OWNED INDUSTRIES AND BANKS, TO MORE AMORPHOUS, POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. WE MAY HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL GENERAL CHUN'S PRESS CONFERENCE TO KNOW FOR SURE. MONJO

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