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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITIES BEGIN REOPENING IN KOREA

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1. ████████ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AFTER A HIATUS OF NEARLY 4 MONTHS, REOPENING DATES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR ABOUT HALF OF KOREA'S 85 4-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. ALL OF KOREA'S INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING WERE CLOSED WHEN MARTIAL LAW WAS EXTENDED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ON MAY 17, PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO STUDENT DISTURBANCES. AMONG THE SCHOOLS WHOSE REOPENINGS HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED ARE FOUR OF SEOUL'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS: SEUL NATIONAL, KORYO, YONSEI AND SOGANG. A COMPLETE LIST OF THE OPENINGS ANNOUNCED SO FAR IS IN PARAGRAPH 5.

3. THE AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN EVERY PRECAUTION TO

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FORESTALL RENEWED VIOLENCE. TO PREVENT THIS THEY HAVE PURGED SELECTED STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS, AND THEY HAVE ALSO REINSTATED COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE CONTROL MECHANISMS SUCH AS INFORMER NETWORKS WHICH WERE EXPERIMENTALLY WITHDRAWN LAST FEBRUARY. IN ADDITION, IT IS PROBABLY NOT COINCIDENTAL THAT EACH MAJOR CITY HAS ONLY ONE MAJOR REOPENING SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST WEEK: DONG-A UNIVERSITY IN PUSAN, YEUNGNAM UNIVERSITY IN TAEJU, CHUNGNAM UNIVERSITY IN TAEJON, INHA UNIVERSITY IN INCHON.

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AND EHWA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY IN SEOUL. THE EXCEPTION TO THIS PATTERN IS KWANGJU, WHICH HAS TWO MAJOR UNIVERSITIES, NEITHER OF WHOSE OPENING DATES HAS BEEN DISCLOSED.

4. COMMENT: THE REOPENING OF THE UNIVERSITIES WITHOUT INCIDENT IS A SINE QUA NON FOR THE EVENTUAL LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW, AS WELL AS A FIRST CRUCIAL TEST OF THE CHUN GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN ORDER. THE GRADUAL PATTERN OF REOPENING SEEMS DESIGNED TO TEST THE WATERS. THE SCHOOLS OPENING IN THE SEPTEMBER 3-10 PERIOD ARE, WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS, THOSE WHERE THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO TURBULENCE LAST SPRING. PRESUMABLY, IF ALL GOES WELL, THE GOVERNMENT WILL THEN BE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THE OTHER BIG SEOUL SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS THOSE IN THE CITY OF KWANGJU, THE SITE OF A MAJOR CIVIL DISTURBANCE IN MAY.
END COMMENT

5. ---OPENING SEPT. 3: KYUNGHEE, CHUNGANG, KONKUK, INHA, CHUNGNAM NATIONAL, AND DONG-A UNIVERSITIES; TAEGON AND METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES; AND THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES: KWANDONG, TONGEUI, SAMYUK, KANGNUNG, KANGWON, SEOUL WOMEN'S, SUNGSHIN WOMEN'S, PUSAN WOMEN'S, HYDSUNG WOMEN'S, SANGMYUNG WOMEN TEACHERS, DONGDUCK, CHONGJU, AND

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SUNCHONHYANG COLLEGES, KOREA MERCHANT MARINE COLLEGE, AND PUSAN MUNICIPAL COLLEGE OF INDUSTRY.

- ---OPENING SEPT. 4: KORYO SEMINARY (NO CONNECTION WITH KORYO UNIVERSITY), AND ULSAN ENGINEERING COLLEGE.

- ---OPENING SEPT. 5: YEUNGNAM AND HANYANG UNIVERSITIES; AND THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES: KUMOH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SEOUL MUNICIPAL COLLEGE OF INDUSTRY, MOKWON METHODIST COLLEGE, KONKWANG COLLEGE, AND ANDONG COLLEGE.

- ---OPENING SEPT. 8: HANSUNG COLLEGE, SONGSYM WOMEN'S COLLEGE, SGOKMYUNG WOMEN'S COLLEGE, CATHOLIC MEDICAL COLLEGE, AND AJOU INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

- ---OPENING SEPT. 10: EHWA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY.
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