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E.O. 12065: GDS 09/09/86 (MONJO, JOHN C.) DR-M
TAGS: -SEUL, PINS, KS
SUBJECT: KOREA: POLITICALLY SENSITIVE UNIVERSITIES MAY
NOW REOPEN

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1. (U) THE REOPENING OF KOREAN UNIVERSITIES IS APPARENTLY
PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY. AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 81 OF THE
NATION'S 85 4-YEAR SCHOOLS, INCLUDING 7 REGARDED AS
POTENTIALLY VOLATILE, HAD BEEN GIVEN REOPENING DATES
FALLING ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 12. THE SEVEN INCLUDE
THE FOUR "FIRST STREAM" SCHOOLS, WHERE MAY'S POLITICAL
TURBULENCE, WHICH LED TO THE MAY 18 CLOSING OF ALL
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, WAS CENTERED: SEOUL
NATIONAL, YONSEI, SOGANG, AND KORYO UNIVERSITIES. THE
OTHER THREE SENSITIVE SCHOOLS WHICH NOW HAVE REOPENING
DATES ARE SUNGKYUNKWAN, A SMALL CONFUCIAN UNIVERSITY IN
SEOUL WHERE THE FIRST SERIOUS STUDENT-VS.-GOVERNMENT
CONFRONTATION OVER MILITARY TRAINING OCCURRED IN APRIL;

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AND CHONNAM AND CHOSUN UNIVERSITIES IN KWANGJU -- TWO
UNIVERSITIES WHICH WERE THE SCENE OF SOME OF THE MOST
EXTENSIVE SPRING STUDENT ACTIVISM. OPENING DATES FOR
THESE SCHOOLS ARE:

- -- SEPTEMBER 10: CHONNAM, CHOSUN, KORYO, AND SOGANG UNIVERSITIES,
- -- SEPTEMBER 11: SUNGKYUNKWAN AND YONSEI

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- UNIVERSITIES,

- -- SEPTEMBER 12: SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

2. (U) NO REOPENING DATES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR HANKUK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, KOREA PHYSICAL EDUCATION COLLEGE, CHRIST SEMINARY AND KUKJE COLLEGE. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY THESE MINOR SCHOOLS WERE HELD TO LAST.

3. (c) COMMENT: ALL THE "MAJOR" SCHOOLS -- BOTH IN THE EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL SENSE -- HAVE NOW GOT REOPENING DATES, AND THOUGH REGISTRATION IS UNUSUALLY SLOW (REFTEL), SEVERAL SEOUL SCHOOLS HAVE BEGUN SOME CLASSES. WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF A SINGLE INCIDENT. IT APPEARS INCREASINGLY LIKELY THAT THE REGIME WILL GET THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY REOPENING WITHOUT CONFRONTING A STUDENT CHALLENGE.
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