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1. (S) SEOUL REMAINED QUIET AS OF 2400 MAY 26. THERE WAS SOME PAMPHLETEERING IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, BUT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS FAILED TO MATERIALIZE AS OF THIS HOUR AND NOW APPEAR VERY UNLIKELY. THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KWANGJU, WAS ALSO QUIET. THE STALEMATE CONTINUED IN KWANGJU. WE HAD REPORTS THAT MARTIAL LAW TROOPS WOULD MOVE IN AT MIDNIGHT, BUT LATE WORD INDICATES THAT THIS MOVE HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

2. (C) SON OF A LONG TIME CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY IN CHOLLA RETURNED FROM KWANGJU MAY 26. WHILE IN KWANGJU HE HAD BEEN ACTING AS INTERPRETER BETWEEN FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS AND STUDENT LEADERS. HE REPORTS STREETS HAVE BEEN CLEANED UP TO A LARGE EXTENT, WITH ARMED STUDENT PATROLS KEEPING ORDER, TRANSPORTING WOUNDED, AND DISTRIBUTING SUCH FOOD AS
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IS AVAILABLE. SOURCE SAID STUDENTS ARE ARMING ONLY OTHER UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND ARE TAKING CARE TO KEEP WEAPONS

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3. (C) SOURCE SAID STUDENTS CONTINUE DETERMINED TO KEEP ARMY OUT AND HAVE FOLLOWING DEMANDS:

- A) LIFT MARTIAL LAW;
- B) END MILITARY INTERFERENCE IN POLITICS;
- C) PEOPLE INVOLVED IN MASSACRES (INCLUDING GENERAL CHUN DOO HWAN (M-R: CHON TU-HWAN), MARTIAL LAW COMMANDER, AND OFFICERS OF BLACK BERETS IN KWANGJU) MUST RESIGN;
- D) POLITICAL PRISONERS, BOTH THOSE TAKEN IN KWANGJU AND KIM DAE JUNG (M-R: KIM TAE-CHUNG) AND HIS ASSOCIATES MUST BE FREED;
- E) RELIEF SUPPLIES MUST BE DELIVERED QUICKLY TO KWANGJU.

4. (C) HOWEVER, ANOTHER AMERICAN SOURCE JUST RETURNED FROM KWANGJU REPORTS THAT HE HEARD STUDENT LEADER ANNOUNCE TO RALLY ON SATURDAY THAT STUDENTS HAD MODIFIED DEMANDS TO INCLUDE:

- A) RELEASE OF STUDENTS DETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH KWANGJU RIOT;
- B) NO PROSECUTION OF STUDENTS;
- C) REPARATIONS TO FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED AND

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- THEIR PUBLIC BURIAL;
- D) EMERGENCY RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR KWANGJU'S REHABILITATION.

SOURCE MAINTAINS THAT THESE DEMANDS WERE STILL VALID AS OF MORNING MAY 25 WHEN HE LEFT KWANGJU, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT STUDENTS MAY HAVE REVERTED TO STRONGER DEMANDS OUTLINED IN PARA 3. IF STUDENTS RE MAINTAINING ORIGINAL DEMANDS, THEY ARE SHOWING GROSS MISUNDERSTANDING OF THEIR BARGAINING STRENGTH.

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5. (C) WE HAVE A REPORT THE NEW YORK TIMES WILL PROBABLY CARRY A STORY THAT THEIR CORRESPONDENT IN KWANGJU, HENRY SCOTT-STOKES, WAS ASKED BY STUDENT LEADERS THERE TO REQUEST THE USG TO INSTRUCT AMBASSADOR GLEYSTEN TO ACT AS MEDIATOR IN FASHIONING A TRUCE. NYT'S HENRY KAMM, CURRENTLY IN SEOUL, RAISED THIS WITH INFO OFFICER WHO INFORMED KAMM THE EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED NO SUCH REQUEST. COMMENT: FOR AMBASSADOR TO ASSUME MEDIATION ROLE IN THIS MESSY SITUATION WOULD MAKE EMBASSY HOSTAGE TO ONE SIDE OR OTHER OR BOTH. END COMMENT. MEANWHILE, AFKN BROADCAST AT 10 P.M. MAY 26 THAT ANTI-GOVERNMENT REBELS WANTED AMBASSADOR AND OTHER DIPLOMATS IN SEOUL TO MEDIATE CRISIS. NEWS ITEM WAS PREPARED IN LOCAL AFKN NEWS ROOM.

6. (LOU) A USAF C-130 ARRIVED AT OSAN FROM KWANGJU AT 1800 ON MAY 26 CARRYING 23 EVACUEES (INCLUDING FOUR CANADIANS AND ONE SOUTH AFRICAN). WE PROVIDED NAMES SEPTEL. WE TALKED WITH FOUR OF THESE AMCITS AND ACCORDING TO THEM, TROOPS DID ENTER KWANGJU THIS MORNING, BUT WITHDREW WITHOUT CLASHING WITH THE STUDENTS. AMCITS AGREED THAT KWANGJU STUDENTS PROBABLY NOT INCLINED TO FIGHT WITH

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FULL CONVICTION AND GUESSED THAT A SWIFT MILITARY THRUST AT NIGHT WOULD PROBABLY BE SUCCESSFUL IN RETAKING CITY.

7. (U) THERE ARE FOUR PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN KWANGJU: TIM WARNBERG, DAVID DOLINGER, JUDITH CHAMBERLIN AND JULIE PICKERING. PEACE CORPS HAS 24 OTHER VOLUNTEERS IN CHOLLAS AND HAS CONTACTED ALL BUT ONE, ASKING THEM TO COME TO SEOUL. ONE NOT YET CONTACTED IS DENNIS LAZARUS WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF CHOLLAS.

8. (LOU) MOFA CALLED EMBASSY EVENING OF MAY 26 ASKING FOR NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL AMERICANS BELIEVED TO BE STILL IN KWANGJU. MOFA OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE PASSED ALONG TO MARTIAL LAW COMMAND IN ATTEMPT TO ASSURE AMCITS' SAFETY. EMBASSY PROVIDED MOFA WITH LIST OF 33 NAMES--ALL THE AMERICANS THERE THAT WE ARE AWARE OF AT THIS MOMENT. IF WE LEARN OF ANY OTHERS, WE WILL NOTIFY MOFA IMMEDIATELY. GLEYSTEN

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