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EO 12065: GDS 10/29/85 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P
TAGS: PINT, KS
SUBJECT: SEOUL, MONDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 1700

REF: SEOUL 16365 *r*

1. ██████ ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SITUATION REMAINS AS REPORTED REFTEL.
3. A COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INTEREST: THE ROKG HAS SET UP CONDOLENCE BOOKS IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE MEDIA REPORT LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE SHOWING UP TO SIGN; WE CAN CONFIRM FROM DIRECT OBSERVA-

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TION LONG LINES OF CITIZENS WAITING TO SIGN AT THE CAPITOL BUILDING MOST OF THE DAY. DISSIDENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIGURES HAVE ALSO MADE GESTURES OF CONDOLENCE. FORMER PRESIDENT YUN PO-SUN, WHOM PARK OVERTHREW IN THE 1961 COUP, IS FLYING THE FLAG AT HIS HOME AT HALF-MAST, WHERE IT IS CLEARLY VISIBLE TO PASSERSBY. KNCC STATEMENT OCTOBER 27 CALLED FOR PRAYERS FOR DECEASED PRESIDENT. KIM TAE-CHUNG ISSUED STATEMENT OCTOBER 29 EXPRESSING "SINCERE CONDOLENCES", WARNING NORTH KOREA NOT MISJUDGE

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SITUATION IN SOUTH, AND, WHILE ADVISING AGAINST "CONFUSION" IN ROK, POINTING OUT ADVANTAGES DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM WOULD AFFORD TO STABILITY IN SOUTH.

4. WE NOTE THE RELATIVELY CIRCUMSPECT COVERAGE OF PARK'S DEATH IN NORTH KOREAN MEDIA. EXCEPT FOR A NODONG SINMUN EDITORIAL AND THE DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT, MOST INFORMATION -- INCLUDING DETAILS -- HAS BEEN RELAYED TO THE NORTHERN POPULATION BY QUOTING SOVIET AND CHINESE REPORTS.

5. A USUALLY RELIABLE NEWSPAPER SOURCE REPORTS THAT MARTIAL LAW TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED KCIA HEADQUARTERS.

6. MOFA PROTOCOL INFORMS US THAT THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE PRESIDENT WILL BE HELD AT 10 A.M. NOVEMBER 3, FOLLOWED BY A BURIAL SERVICE FROM 12 NOON TO 2 P.M., THEREAFTER MOFA HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE ACTING PRESIDENT RECEIVE CALLS BY OVERSEAS DELEGATIONS; NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.

7. DRESS FOR THE FUNERAL/BURIAL CEREMONIES WILL BE MORNING SUIT (BLACK TAILCOAT, BLACK VEST, BLACK FOUR-IN-HAND TIE, GRAY STRIPED PANTS) OR LOUNGE SUIT (DARK COLOR WESTERN BUSINESS SUIT WITH BLACK TIE). WE HAVE ALSO

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LEARNED THAT THE AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILL HEAD THEIR DELEGATION. GLEYSTEEN

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