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1. SUMMARY AND COMMENT. IN A [REDACTED] MEETING ATTENDED BY HIGH-LEVEL MEMBERS OF THE KUOMINTANG (KMT) AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, RESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK SAID THAT NO SOCIAL DISTURBANCES MUST TAKE PLACE AS A RESULT OF THE CHOU HUNG-CH'ING CASE. PRESIDENT CHIANG DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS TASK TO TAIWAN GARRISON GENERAL HEADQUARTERS (TGGH) COMMANDER CH'EN TA-CH'ING. THE KMT FOURTH AND FIFTH SECTIONS HAVE COORDINATED

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WITH TGGH IN ATTEMPTING TO HEAD OFF ANY POSSIBLE VIOLENCE, AND MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PROTECT JAPANESE AND THEIR PROPERTY. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (GRC) IS APPARENTLY SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF DEMONSTRATIONS, ESPECIALLY BY STUDENTS AND RETIRED SERVICEMEN, WHICH MIGHT GET OUT OF HAND. (C)

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2. [REDACTED] PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK CONVENED A MEETING COMPRISED OF MEMBERS OF THE KMT CENTRAL STANDING COMMITTEE, DIVISION CHIEFS OF THE KMT CENTRAL COMMITTEE, SENIOR PARTY OFFICIALS, CABINET MEMBERS, AND THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FIVE YUANS TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CHOU HUNG-CH'ING CASE. [REDACTED]

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DURING THE MEETING, PRESIDENT CHIANG URGED THAT "THE PEOPLE MUST BE PACIFIED" SO THAT NO SOCIAL DISTURBANCES TAKE PLACE.

3. PRESIDENT CHIANG HAS ORDERED TGGH COMMANDER CH'EN TA-CH'ING TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT A RIOT SUCH AS THAT AT THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN MAY 1957 NOT OCCUR AT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY. DAILY MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD SINCE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MILITARY POLICE, THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, THE TAIWAN PROVINCIAL POLICE ADMINISTRATION, AND OTHER LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. REPORTS FROM ALL UNITS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED DURING THE MEETINGS FOR ANY INDICATIONS OF TROUBLE.

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4. [REDACTED] GRC WAS DETERMINED THERE WOULD BE NO VIOLENCE, AND THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WOULD BE DONE TO PROTECT JAPANESE ON TAIWAN. [REDACTED] THE GRC WAS CONCERNED THAT COMMUNISTS IN TAIPEI MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS, WHICH WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY TAKE PLACE, TO EXCITE THE PEOPLE TO VIOLENCE.

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5. THE KMT FOURTH SECTION HAS ORDERED NEWSPAPERS NOT TO USE LARGE HEADLINES OR PRINT ANY ARTICLES OR NEWS ITEMS ON THE CHOU CASE WHICH MIGHT TEND TO INCITE THE PUBLIC. THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE AS OF 31 DECEMBER.

6. THE KMT FIFTH SECTION HAS MOBILIZED ITS MASS ORGANIZATION LEADERS, AND HAS DIRECTED THEM TO REQUEST STUDENTS NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS OR ACTIONS AGAINST THE JAPANESE AND THEIR PROPERTY. STUDENTS WERE TOLD THEY COULD PRESENT PETITIONS TO THE JAPANESE EMBASSY AND HOLD RALLIES ON CAMPUS, BUT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WERE THE RALLIES TO LEAVE THE CAMPUSES. KMT SMALL-GROUP LEADERS IN THE UNIVERSITIES WERE TOLD TO TRY TO PERSUADE STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS TO REFRAIN FROM AGITATION AND VIOLENCE.

7. A KMT-TGGH COMMITTEE ON DUTY 24 HOURS A DAY WAS FORMED TO MEET ANY POSSIBLE EMERGENCY. THE TGGH WAS TAKING MAXIMUM PREVENTIVE MEASURES BECAUSE IT WAS FEARED THAT MASS DEMONSTRATIONS

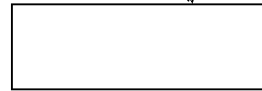
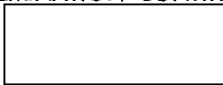
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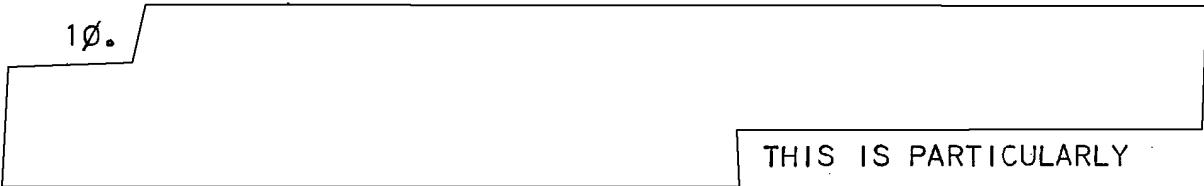
COULD NOT BE CONTROLLED ONCE THEY GOT UNDERWAY. ORDERS WERE GIVEN, HOWEVER, NOT TO FIRE ON STUDENTS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THE TGGH ALSO ADVISED AMBASSADOR KIMURA THAT ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN TO PROTECT JAPANESE AND THEIR PROPERTY. AMBASSADOR KIMURA AND HIS SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS MOVED TO THE NEW TAIWAN HOTEL FROM THE JAPANESE EMBASSY ON 27 DECEMBER, AND HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING BUSINESS THERE. THIS MOVE WAS TAKEN ON THE INITIATIVE OF KIMURA.

8. POLICEMEN HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO PROTECT THE HOMES OF JAPANESE NATIONALS, AND GUARDS AROUND OFFICIAL JAPANESE PROPERTY HAVE BEEN REINFORCED.

9. THE KMT FIFTH SECTION AND TGGH FEARED THAT DISCONTENTED STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND RETIRED SERVICEMEN MIGHT BE INCITED TO ACTION BY EXCESSIVELY PATRIOTIC STUDENTS. OVERSEAS CHINESE STUDENTS AND RETIRED SERVICEMEN IN UNIVERSITIES WOULD BE PARTICULARLY PRONE TO SUCH AGITATION AGAINST THE JAPANESE AND WOULD THEN FORM THE CORE FOR MOB ACTION. ONCE STARTED, THE DEMONSTRATIONS MIGHT GET OUT OF HAND.

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THIS IS PARTICULARLY

TRUE OF STUDENTS WHO DO NOT FEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTIONS AGAINST THE JAPANESE. THE PRESENT SITUATION AFFORDS

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DISGRUNTLED ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO RELEASE THEIR FRUSTRATIONS WITHOUT RUNNING THE RISK OF SEVERE RETRIBUTION. TRADITIONAL ANTI-JAPANESE FEELING AND MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR II REMAIN STRONG AMONG THE OVERSEAS CHINESE STUDENTS AND RETIRED SERVICEMEN.

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