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1. AT 0500 HOURS LOCAL 27 OCTOBER SEOUL RADIO ANNOUNCED THE IMPOSITION OF PARTIAL MARTIAL LAW THROUGHOUT KOREA, EXCEPT FOR CHEJU, WITH ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF CHANG SUNG HWA APPOINTED AS MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR. UNDER ARTICLE 48 OF CONSTITUTION PRIME MINISTER CHOE KYU HA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS ACTING PRESIDENT "DUE TO THE INCAPACITATION OF PRESIDENT PAK THROUGH AN ACCIDENT."

2. ANNOUNCEMENT EXTENDED NATION WIDE CURFEW, EXCEPT FOR CHEJU DO. FROM 2400 TO 2200 HOURS. ALL SCHOOLS IN KOREA HAVE BEEN ORDERED CLOSED INDEFINITELY.

3. ROK ARMY CAPITAL SECURITY COMMAND TROOPS AND TANKS TOOK UP POSITIONS IN SEOUL AT 0400 27 OCTOBER. ROK 20TH DIVISION HAS BEEN RELEASED BY THE COMBINED FORCES COMMAND AND RETURNED TO ROK OPCON. THIS DIVISION IS BEING POSITIONED AT THE KOREAN MILITARY ACADEMY EAST OF SEOUL, AS A RESERVE UNIT TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING SECURITY IN THE CITY.

4. AS OF 0545 27 OCTOBER, THE SEOUL AREA WAS QUIET WITH THE CITY GRADUALLY AWAKENING. THERE ARE NO CURRENT INDICATIONS OF ANY INCIDENTS OR POPULAR RESISTANCE TO DEVELOPMENTS.

5. ~~SECRET~~ THE CABINET SUPPORTS ACTING PRESIDENT CHOE AND THE ROK MILITARY SUPPORT THE CABINET. ~~SECRET~~ ONLY PARTIAL MARTIAL LAW WAS BEING IMPLEMENTED PERMITTING CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES TO REMAIN IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION

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