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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF AMERICANS FROM KWANGJU

REF: RICH-MOHJO PHONE CONVERSATION MAY 23

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY ORDERED ALL OFFICIAL
AMERICANS OUT OF KWANGJU AND ADVISED AMERICANS ELSEWHERE IN
THE CHOLLA PROVINCES TO LEAVE. AS STATED IN REFERENCED
PHONE CONVERSATION, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT
POSSIBLE TO GET ALL AMERICANS OUT OF KWANGJU SAFELY TODAY.
CONFIRM BY FLASH CABLE OR TELEPHONE WHEN ALL OFFICIAL AND
UNOFFICIAL AMERICANS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SAFELY EXITED
THE CITY. WE ASSUME THAT EASIEST COURSE OF ACTION MAY BE
FOR THOSE INSIDE THE CITY TO DRIVE QUIETLY TO

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KWANGJU AIR BASE USING AN AMERICAN FLAG IF THAT CAN BE
HELPFUL.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY BE SEVEN OFFICIAL AMERICANS
IN KWANGJU INCLUDING SIX PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS AND THE
BRANCH PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER PLUS MORE THAN A DOZEN
MISSIONARIES. WE WILL NEED THE NAMES OF ALL OF THOSE
CITIZENS IN THE CITY OR SAFELY DEPARTED THERE FROM.

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4. WHILE   PRESENT SITUATION REPORTS INDICATE A SOME-
WHAT CALMER SITUATION, NONE OF US CAN PREDICT FULLY WHAT
MAY OCCUR NEXT AND WE BELIEVE IT PRUDENT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF THE PRESENT RELATIVE CALM TO INSURE THAT ALL AMERICANS
LEAVE THE AREA OF GREATEST DANGER.   MUSKIE

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