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SUBJECT: TFCOL: SITREP 1, 1700 EDT, 6/3/89

1. PLA MOVES ON TIANANMEN, CASUALTIES HIGH.  
EMBASSY BEIJING REPORTS THAT TROOPS USING AUTOMATIC  
WEAPONS ADVANCED IN TANKS, APC'S, AND TRUCKS FROM  
SEVERAL DIRECTIONS ON TIANANMEN SQUARE JUNE 3. THERE  
WAS CONSIDERABLE RESISTANCE BY DEMONSTRATORS, AND THE  
NUMBER OF CASUALTIES APPEARS HIGH. THE EMBASSY  
ESTIMATES THAT THE 50-70 REPORTED DEAD IN FOREIGN MEDIA  
IS PROBABLY MUCH TOO LOW. HOSPITALS ARE SAID TO BE  
OVERFLOWING WITH CASUALTIES. TIANANMEN SQUARE HAS BEEN  
SURROUNDED BY TROOPS, AND SOME 3000 PROTESTERS REMAIN  
WITHIN. THE EMBASSY SAYS BEIJING RESIDENTS ARE STUNNED  
AND ANGERED BY THE LEVEL OF FORCE USED. (TASK

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2. AMERICAN REPORTERS BEATEN; NO REPORTED AMERICAN  
DEATHS. THE CBS BUREAU CHIEF IN BEIJING INFORMED US  
THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS RICHARD ROTH, ROBERT LUM, AND  
DEXTER LEONG, AND A NEW ZEALAND CITIZEN. ALL EMPLOYED BY  
CBS, WERE SEVERELY BEATEN BY CHINESE TROOPS ON TIANANMEN  
SQUARE. THEIR CAMERAS WERE SMASHED AND THEY WERE

DRAFTED INTO THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE. OUR EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING UP ON THEIR SITUATION. (TASK FORCE/EMBASSY BEIJING TELCOM)

3. U/S KIMMITT CALLS IN CHINESE AMBASSADOR. U/S KIMMITT MET HAN XU ON JUNE 3 ABOUT 1600. KIMMITT EXPRESSED OUR DEEP REGRET AT THE USE OF FORCE, WHICH APPARENTLY RESULTED IN DEATHS AND CASUALTIES. HE URGED A RETURN TO A POLICY OF RESTRAINT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF US CITIZENS. HE STRESSED THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO BOTH COUNTRIES OF US-CHINA RELATIONS. IN RESPONSE, HAN CITED THE NEED TO RESTORE ORDER, AND HOPED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE SAID THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS WOULD BE SAFE. BAKER

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