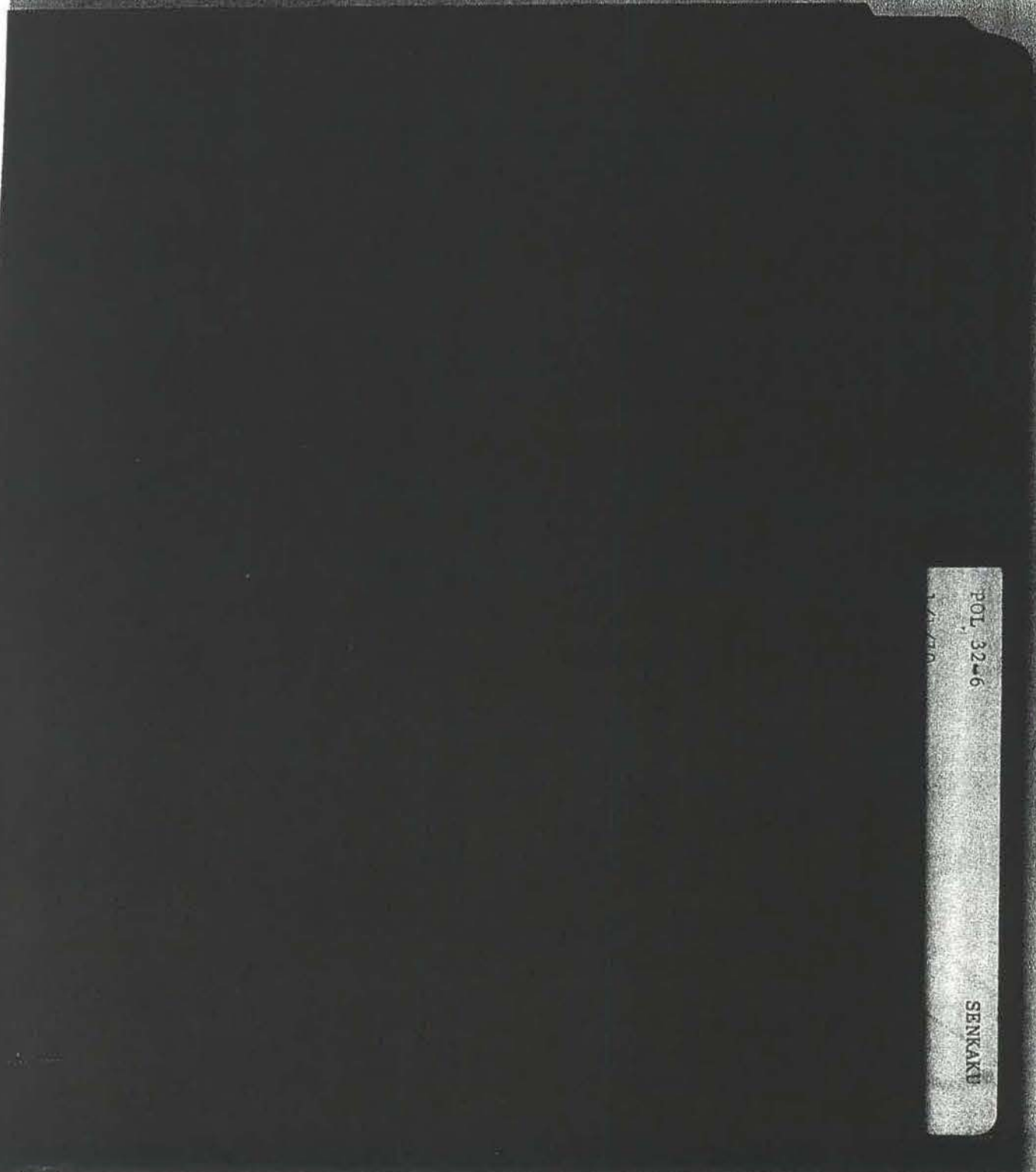


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SUBJ: STUDENT DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE CONSULATE GENERAL

1. AT 14:55 HOURS TUESDAY AFTERNOON (MAY 4) SOHG 50-75 YOUNGSTERS WITH YELLOW ARMBANDS SAYING "PROTECT SENKAKU ISLANDS" ARRIVED AT CONSULATE GENERAL ACCOMPANIED BY PERHAPS EQUAL NUMBER OF OTHER YOUTHS (MANY WITH CAMERAS) AND ANOTHER 20-30 LOCAL NEWSMEN. DEMONSTRATORS CARRIED AND DISPLAYED BANNERS IN CHINESE READING FOR EXAMPLE "SENKAKUS ARE CHINA'S SACRED SOIL," "KEEP UP THE SPIRIT OF MAY 4TH," "OPPOSE US-JAPANESE COLLUSION ON SENKAKUS," AND "US HAS NO RIGHT TO DISPOSE OF SENKAKUS" DEMONSTRATORS SAT UNDER TREES, CHATTED, SANG SONGS ABOUT PROTECTING SENKAKUS, AND CHANTED SLOGANS (IN ESSANCE SAME AS BANNERS) WHEN LED BY CHEER-LEADER. GROUP WELL DISCIPLINED, AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS SO FAR. TWENTY-FOUR HKI POLICE HAD ARRIVED BEFORE DEMONSTRATORS, WERE LATER AUGMENTED, AND THEN DECREASED AS DEMONSTRATORS REMAINED WELL-BEHAVED. DEMONSTRATORS ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO REMAIN AT CONSULATE UNTIL 17:30 HOURS, BUT BY 1700 HOURS MORE THAN HALF ALREADY GONE.

2. BEFORE COMING TO CONSULATE GENERAL ABOUT 200 DEMONSTRATORS GATHERED AT QUEEN'S PIER CONCOURSE TO PROTEST JAPANESE CLAIM TO SENKAKUS. THIS GATHERING WAS HELD DESPITE EARLY AND REPEATED

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WARNINGS FROM POLICE THAT GATHERING WAS NOT APPROVED. TWELVE LEADERS ARRESTED AT PIER, INCLUDING MOK CHIULYU, EDITOR OF STUDENT PAPER "70'S BI-WEEKLY." EARLIER STUDENTS COMMENTS INDICATED SOME PLANNED TO COURT ARREST TO GET PUBLICITY FOR THEIR CAUSE. POLICE WARNED REMAINING DEMONSTRATORS THEY WOULD BE ARRESTED IF THEY DID NOT DISPERSE, SO THEY THEN WENT TO CONSULATE GENERAL.

3. DEMONSTRATORS CHIEFLY CHINESE, BUT THERE ARE ALSO FOUR ALLEGED NORTH VIETNAMESE AND TWO OR THREE EUROPEAN (OR AMERICAN?) YOUTHS. UP TO 1700 HOURS NO LETTER OR PETITION HAS BEEN HANDED TO CONSULATE GENERAL. DEMONSTRATORS APPARENTLY HAVE NOT VISITED JAPANESE OFFICES. MOOD OF YOUNGSTERS GENERALLY GAY, NO RANCOR EVIDENT EXCEPT AMONG SEVERAL CHEERLEADERS WHO LEAD THE CHANTING AND WHO MAY BE AMONG DEMONSTRATION'S ORGANIZERS.

4. SO FAR CONGEN HAS NO INFORMATION THAT EITHER LOCAL CHINESE NATIONALISTS OR COMMUNISTS HAVE TAKEN ANY PART IN ORGANIZATION OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS. GP-3
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1. 64 GENERALLY DOCILE AND DISCIPLINED CHINESE
TEENAGERS, OUTNUMBERED BY ONLOOKING NEWSMEN,
HONG KONG POLICE AND SPECTATORS, DEMONSTRATED
ON THE CONSULATE GENERAL GROUNDS MAY 16 OVER THE
SENKAKU ISLANDS. DEMONSTRATORS DISPLAYED PLACARDS,
CHANTED SLOGANS AND SANG SONGS DENOUNCING "US
IMPERIALISM" AND "JAPANESE MILITARISM" FOR
ATTEMPTING TO ANNEX THE ISLANDS. ACCORDING TO
PRESS REPORTS ONE SLOGAN READ "BOTH TIAO YU TAI
AND HONG KONG ARE CHINESE TERRITORIES". DEMON-
STRATION LEADERS ASKED AND WERE DENIED PERMISSION
BY CONGEN TO BURN A "JAPANESE FLAG", BUT PROCEEDED
TO TRAMPLE AND TEAR A SMALL, HOMEMADE FLAG DEPICTING
A RISING SUN.

② 2. POLICE ARRESTED TWO INDIVIDUALS FOR ACTS

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COMMITTED OFF CONGEN GROUNDS. AS DEMONSTRATORS
BROKE UP, POLICE CAUTIONED THEM THROUGH LOUD
SPEAKERS AGAINST ATTEMPTING TO DEMONSTRATE OFF
CONGEN GROUNDS. DEMONSTRATORS DISPERSED QUIETLY
AFTER CLEARING GROUNDS OF LITTER. DECON 5/16/72.
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