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JOINT STATE/USIS MESSAGE

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1. STUDENT VILENTLY DEMONSTRATED AGAINST US VIETNAM ACTION AT CONGEN TODAY. ONLOOKER TYPE CROWD BEGAN GATHERING FRONT CONGEN 1000 HOURS; BLDG SECURED AND UNNECESSARY LOCAL STAFF OUT OF BLDG BY 1100 HOURS; POLICE PROTECTION BEGAN ARRIVING 1120 AND WERE REINFORCED THROUGH RIOT INCLUDED MOUNTED POLICE; STUDENT ANTI-US ACTION VIETNAM MARCHERS ARRIVED CONGEN 1145 AFTER RALLY AT STUDENT CENTER; FIRST WINDOW BROKEN 1150 THIS FOLLOWED BY CONTI UAL BALEAGE OF ROCKS WEIGHING UP 5-6 POUNDS, CLUBS AND TORCHES UNTIL 1340 WHEN POLICE WHO PREVENTED ENTRY OR FIRE FINALLY DISPERSED CROWD BY USING TEAR GAS. POLICE USED NO VIGOROUS RIOT METHODS TO CONTROL CROWD. HAD FIRST TRUCK STANDING BY BUT DID NOT USE IT UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 1320 AND THEN ONLY SPRAYED AREA AROUND CONSULATE LONG AFTER WINDOWS ON GROUND FLOOR (USIS SHOW WINDOWS), FIRST FLOOR AND MANY ON SECOND FLOOR KNOCKED OUT.

2. CROWD INCITED BY GROUP LEADERS AND ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN 6 AND 7 THOUSAND CARRYING VARIETY NASTY ANTI-AMERICAN BANNERS AND PLACARDS, I.E. STALIN-HITLER-JOHNSON, BURNED PICTURES OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON, SHOUTED GO HOME YNAKEE AND CHANTED WE HATE JOHNSON, WE LOVE KENNEDY, CONSULATE GET OUT, BURN THE FLAG, AND OTHER EQUALLY APPEALING SLOGANS.

3. I CALLED CROATIAN PROTOCOL TWICE, ONCE REQUESTING BETTER POLICE PROTECTION SECONDLY FOR APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER FOR PROTOCOL. WAS TOLD HE WAS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING AT 1100. I WILL APPRAISE HIM DAMAGE, EVALUATION POLICE PROTECTION AND THREAT TO LIVES CONGEN EMPLOYEES (ONE YUGOSLAV EMPLOYEE SLIGHTLY INJURED BY FLYING GLASS.)

4. POCKETS STUDENTS STILL VISIBLE NEAR CONGEN AT FIVE PM. POLICE REMAIN ON DUTY OUT FRONT. WILL HAVE TWENTY FOUR HOUR SECURITY WATCH UNTILL CERTAIN CROWD NO FURTHER THREAT. OWEN
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