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STATE DEPARTMENT OVERRULED ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE
By JIM ANDERSON

WASHINGTON (UPI) - OVERRULING STRONG OBJECTIONS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT; THE ADMINISTRATION HAS APPROVED THE SALE OF 500 ELECTRIC SHOCK STICKS TO BE USED TO CONTROL CROWDS IN SOUTH KOREA.

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COMMERCE DEPARTMENT SPOKESWOMAN BONNIE WHYTE SAID FRIDAY THAT THE LICENSE FOR \$12,000 WORTH OF "RIOT CONTROL" EQUIPMENT WAS ISSUED WEDNESDAY.

THE BATONS, SIMILAR TO CATTLE PRODS, ADMINISTER A HIGH-VOLTAGE BUT NON-LETHAL JOLT OF ELECTRICITY. HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS AND WITNESSES HAVE ALLEGED THAT THE DEVICES ARE USED FOR TORTURE AND IN INTERROGATIONS AS WELL AS FOR CROWD CONTROL.

OFFICIALS IN SEOUL LIFTED MARTIAL LAW IN SOUTH KOREA IN JANUARY 1981, BUT REGULATIONS PROHIBITING POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND DISSENT REMAIN IN EFFECT.

THE MOST RECENT STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH KOREA SAYS "THERE WERE NUMEROUS ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE" INCLUDING MISTREATMENT OF TWO NEWSPAPER EDITORS JAILED AFTER PRINTING ARTICLES CRITICAL OF THE SOUTH KOREAN LEADERSHIP.

ACCORDING TO ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, THE LICENSE WAS ISSUED AFTER THE STATE DEPARTMENT LODGED A STRONG PROTEST TO SECRETARY OF COMMERCE MALCOLM BALDRIGE, WHO RESPONDED THAT THE ISSUING OF EXPORT LICENSES WAS THE BUSINESS OF HIS DEPARTMENT.

THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ ARGUED THAT THE SALE, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NOMINALLY A COMMERCIAL DEAL, INVOLVED AN IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND THAT SUCH ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE DEALT WITH ON A PURELY COMMERCIAL BASIS.

DESPITE THE LETTER FROM SHULTZ TO BALDRIGE, THE LICENSE WAS ISSUED BY BALDRIGE ON WEDNESDAY.

BALDRIGE WAS OUT OF WASHINGTON AND UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT. HIS SPOKESMAN, B. JAY COOPER, SAID HE WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUE AND COULD NOT COMMENT.

THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID THAT IF THE ITEMS HAVE NOT BEEN SHIPPED, THE STATE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT THE SALE. BUT MRS. WHYTE SAID, "IT IS PRETTY MUCH DONE."

THEY SAID, "THE OPPOSITION TO THE SALE WAS A STATE DEPARTMENT POSITION FROM TOP TO BOTTOM; IT WASN'T JUST THE HUMAN RIGHTS BUREAU. THE ISSUE IS WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO RUN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND HOW FOREIGN POLICY IS GOING TO BE CARRIED OUT."

THE OFFICIAL PREDICTED THAT THE WHITE HOUSE WILL DECIDE HOW SUCH SENSITIVE SALES SHOULD BE APPROVED IN THE WAKE OF THE TOTAL DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN SHULTZ AND BALDRIGE.

IN AN EARLIER DISCUSSION ON WHO SHOULD HEAD AN ADMINISTRATION TASK FORCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DECISIONS, SHULTZ THREW HIS VOTE BEHIND TREASURY SECRETARY DONALD REGAN TO HEAD IT.

HIS REASONING WAS THAT WHEN HE WAS SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY HE ARGUED FOR THE SAME OUTCOME, AND HE WANTED TO BE CONSISTENT.

BUT THE ISSUE OF SALES OF RIOT CONTROL AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT HAS SHARPER FOREIGN POLICY RAMIFICATIONS, AND SHULTZ APPARENTLY FOUGHT HARD FOR THE BLOCKING OF THE SALE.

ACCORDING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL, THE SHULTZ LETTER WAS NEVER ANSWERED BY BALDRIGE, EXCEPT IN THE SENSE THAT BALDRIGE ISSUED THE LICENSES FOR THE ELECTRIC SHOCK BATONS.

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