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Summary:

A telegram asking overseas mission chiefs to collect foreign responses regarding the arrest incident of Army Chief of Staff Jeong Seung-hwa, Martial Law Commander.

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Emergency Situation (No. 29)

1. [The emergency situation] was as following: While investigating the assassination of the late President Park Chung-hee, a new fact has been discovered, and to check if it was true or not, a military investigator was dispatched to the official residence of Army Chief of Staff in Hannam-dong at 19:00 on December 12, and during Chief of Staff Jeong's arrest, a minor collision occurred with the security guard at the residence.

2. Minister of National Defense Noh Jae-hyun announced a special statement, the content of which is as follows. (THE END)

As below, [I] telegraph the Special Statement made by the Minister of National Defense on December 13 regarding the arrest incident of Army Chief of Staff Jeong Seung-hwa (Martial Law Commander). Please report via telegram the domestic response to this situation in each respective country of residence as such occur. (THE END)