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中国戒嚴軍の実力行使（擬問擬答）

問一、中国の現状に対する認識如何。

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外務省アジア局中国課

答、一、中国においては、学生・市民による反政府活動が長期化し、戒嚴令が敷かれているという状況の下、四日未明、軍が実力行使によってこれを鎮圧し、流血の惨事に発展するという事態に至ったことは憂慮に堪えない。

二、政府側が武力鎮圧という挙に出た背景等も必ずしも明らかでなく、中国情勢は未だ流動的であるところ、日本政府として先ずその帰趨を慎重に見極めることが必要と考えている。

問二、中国の改革・開放政策に影響はあるか。

答、今回の事態により、中国政府の掲げてきた改革・開放政策に如何なる影響が出てくるかについては即断は避けたいが、何れにせよ、中国の国際的イメージを大きく傷付けたことは否定できないものと思われる。

問三、わが国の対中政策に変更はないのか。

答、中国情勢は未だ流動的であり、日本政府としては、先ずその帰趨を慎重に見極めることが必要と考えている。

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Use of Force by Chinese Martial Law Forces (Questions and Answers)

June 4, 1989

China Division, Asian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Question 1: What is your perception of the present situation in China?

Answer 1: It is a matter of great concern that in China, under circumstances of prolonged anti-government activities by students and civilians and the imposition of martial law, the military used force early in the morning of June 4 to suppress them, which led to a situation of horrible bloodshed.

[Answer] 2: The background to the government's action of military suppression is not entirely clear and the situation in China is still unsettled, so I think it necessary for the Government of Japan, first, to carefully ascertain the issue's development.

Question 2: Will this affect China's policy of reform and opening?

Answer: I would like to avoid any hasty conclusions concerning what effects this situation will have on the Chinese government's policy of reform and opening but, in any event, it is thought to be undeniable that it has greatly damaged China's international image.

Question 3: Will there be any change in Japan's China policy?

Answer: The situation in China is still unsettled. I think it necessary, first, that the Government of Japan carefully ascertain the situation's development.