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INFO : KUALA LUMPUR, MANILA, MEDAN, SURABAYA, CINCPAC for
POLAD-HONOLULU
FROM : Amembassy JAKARTA

DATE October 11, 1973

SUBJECT : Indonesia-Phillipines Seabed and Sea Boundary

REF : Discussion
Jakarta 11914

Boundary
Philippines / LOS

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1. This airgram transmits one copy of various documents related to discussions between Indonesian and Filipino representatives held June 14-16, 1973, in Jakarta on the delimitation of seabed and sea boundaries between the two countries. These discussions followed previous meetings held in New York and Manila and were not publicized. The two delegations agreed to continue discussions in the future.

2. In addition to lists of delegates and summary reports, included is an "Agreed Record of Discussion and Understanding" which states, inter alia:

"With regard to the Sulawesi (Celebes) Sea, the two delegations recognize that it is a semi-enclosed sea and that riparian States have special rights and interests with respect to its resources, both living and non-living, the preservation of the marine environment, the prevention of pollution, the promotion of scientific research, the exploration and/or exploitation of its resources as well as the preservation of peace and security in the area. In view of these, both delegations agreed to take

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these positions at the next conference on the Law of the Sea, to obtain support for it and to cooperate with other countries bordering semi-enclosed seas."

"As to the problems of delimiting the seabed boundaries between the two countries, the delegation of Indonesia reconfirmed its adherence to the positions it had taken at the discussions held in Manila and New York, namely, that the boundary lines should be the median line between the baselines of the two respective archipelagic States, namely, the baseline which connects the outermost points of the outermost islands of the two countries. The Indonesian delegation indicated again, as shown on the map annexed herewith, part of the proposed median line, namely, between the Philippine baseline connecting the points of Miangas and Marore (Batu Bawaikang).

In view of the limited scope of its Instruction, the Philippine delegation made record of the Indonesian position as stated herein, and assured that the same will be brought to the attention of the appropriate Philippine authorities."

3. The documents should be treated as confidential.
4. Action Requested. The Department is requested to reproduce the enclosure to this airgram for info addressees (except Medan and Surabaya) and return one copy to Amembassy Jakarta.

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