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The following represents a summary for your information of URPIC reporting to date on Indonesia. The four reports received thus far, although essentially negative, are useful for establishing bases of comparisons as well as helping assess current military developments in Indonesia.

1. Aerial reconnaissance of the Celebes and Moluccas areas [redacted] revealed no unusual airfield or shipping activity. Several cargo vessels and numerous small craft were observed at Makassar, while other major ports had similarly routine traffic. The report while adding little to our working knowledge does ~~provide a summary of serviceable airfields:~~

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*7 out of 10 of the principle fields are serviceable*

2. A [redacted] aerial survey of the Sumatran area disclosed no unusual activity, either on airfields or in harbors. The airfield at Medan had one C-47 aircraft, while Pakanbaru had none. The Tandjungpinang airfield had two transports, possibly C-47 type. Shipping activity was largely confined to tankers and miscellaneous cargo and coastal vessels. There was a probable gunboat off Padang. The lack of unusual shipping in the port areas of western central Sumatra would suggest that, as of [redacted] there was no imminent threat of an amphibious assault there.

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3. A survey of Borneo on [redacted] revealed little air activity. Most of the airfields had no aircraft. The field at Balikpapan had two aircraft, one fighter type and one B-25 type; these were probably stationed there in support of government ground activity in the Donggala area of north-central Celebes. Shipping activity in Borneo ports appeared normal.

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4. A report on Java with a few notations on Borneo [redacted] appears to reflect normal air and shipping activities at major centers. A total of 11 B-25's were observed on military airfields at Bandung and Djakarta. (There was extensive shipping activity in Djakarta's port (Tandjung Priok), with 38 cargo vessels and 2 tankers. Surabaya harbor also had numerous commercial vessels. There were no significant observations in Borneo.

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