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13. SUMMARY:
 (G) On 21 October 1966, ARMA and AARMA COFFEE, spent over an hour [redacted] discussing Indonesian Telecommunications.
 [redacted] in discussing the current and future status of Indonesian Telecommunications. Report transmits the substance of the conversation.

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1. Civil Communications. (G)
 a. (U) Source returned the [redacted] from a trip to the United States and England, dealing with the procurement of civil telecommunications equipment and assistance. In the U.S. he talked with representatives of EMILOO and ITT in an attempt to get assistance in establishing a plant in Indonesia for the manufacture of telephones equipment. He stated he ran into difficulties when the question of the Indonesian law regarding protection of foreign investments was brought up. Source is convinced that Indonesian law will have to protect the rights of foreign enterprises if Indonesia is over to advance in the industrial sector. He stated he has pushed for this protection and prospects are good. Indonesian capability right now to produce telecommunications equipment is non-existent.

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There is currently a plant being constructed in BANDUNG (654S-10736E), with the assistance of PHILLIPS, which, when completed in 1968, will produce condensers, rectifiers, and resistors. P.N. RAWLIN does not produce commercial electronic equipment, only the household variety of electrical machines.

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b. (U) Talking about telecommunications links with the other islands and the outside world, he stated that presently there are only two channels to the outside world. These two go from BANDUNG to MANILA. There is a current project which will provide four additional channels linking DJAKARTA (610S-10649E) to MANILA. He stated this link will take one month to construct and equipment is available and paid for. With the addition of this link, prices for intercontinental calls will be raised to the standard established by the ITU. The submarine cable linking DJAKARTA with SINGAPORE, built about 1936, furnished two channels but is no longer in use and is not economical to repair. He stated there are no existing submarine cable connections between any Indonesian islands. Plans have been made for a DJAKARTA - MEDAN - KUALA LUMPUR - SINGAPORE link by cable. Other cable links are planned between the major islands.

c. (U) To further improve the communications with the outside world, there is a plan to construct a satellite station near DJATILUHUR (618S-10717E), in WEST JAVA. The construction time is estimated at 18 months. He stated the target date for completion is just before the planned Indonesian National Elections in 1968. ITC and COMSAT personnel are coming to Indonesia in late October to reconnoiter this site and conduct further talks concerning the construction. He stated this station will provide a link with MANILA. The eventual plan calls for construction of sites on the major islands thus tying all the islands together by satellite.

d. (U) The overall telecommunications goal is to establish a National Defense Signal Organization like the U.S. Defense Communications Agency. It will be a combined military and civil system consisting of 90% civil facilities and 10% military facilities. This will take about six years to construct. Existing service communications links will be incorporated into this system. He stated the bulk of the people to man this system will come from the Army Signal Corps, to insure efficiency.

e. (C) [REDACTED] IA 25X1
he has banned all political activity during working hours. This has caused him some problems with the unions, and repercussion from "Politicians", but the military have backed him up. He stated that of the six unions in the Department, four unions support him; one, the PNI backed union, does not; and one is somewhat neutral.

2. Military Communications. (U)

a. (U) Source admitted to the weakness in the Army Command Communications system. He stated he has telex system from DJAKARTA to MEDAN, three KODAMS in KALIMANTAN (IX, XI, AND XII), MAKASSAR, and the three JAVA KODAMS. He wants to expand this system for each KODAM. This according to his estimate will cost approximately \$1.3 million (US). Within SUMATRA there is a SLS system from each KODAM Headquarters to KOANDA Headquarters in MEDAN.

b. (U) When questioned as to how he liked USSR equipment, he stated that some was very good, but others are not worth anything. The main problem seems to be in the lack of tropicalization. Some of the USSR equipment can only operate for about 6 hours before it has to be shut down, due to the heat. He stated he would rather have Western equipment than USSR equipment. He stated the Indonesian Air Force does not have much of a system. He pointed out the Air Force has \$6 million (US) worth of telecommunications equipment in warehouses at the DJAKARTA Port and they don't know what to do with it. He very slyly pointed out he would "intergrate" this equipment in his civil system. When questioned about the National Police System he said it was suffering from a lack of spares. Only the night before a police official had come to his house looking for some spares. When queried by ARMA if Indonesian Army would transmit messages of an emergency nature, for the U.S. Embassy to outlying areas such as AMBON, source indicated he would be willing as long as the text was in Indonesian.

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3. General Discussion: (C)

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Throughout the conversation [redacted] stressed his feeling that the Army must control all aspects of the government. This was borne out when questioned as to whom he reported on his trip to the U.S. and U.K. He stated he reported directly [redacted]

He also stated military men know what direct action is, politicians only know how to talk. (This channel bypasses his civilian Minister). Commenting on SOEHARTO, source indicated a little disappointment that SOEHARTO does not realize the importance of communications in the development of the country. He evidently feels to low a priority is being placed on his area of concern. He felt somewhat disillusioned. that while in Washington, he received a telegram [redacted]

[redacted] not to talk with anyone in the Pentagon concerning signal assistance. He felt telecommunications was slighted in the overall request [redacted]

COMMENT: (C) [redacted] gave the impression of a man who is very knowledgeable in his field. He knows what his overall goal is and has established a plan for achieving it.

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