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I am deeply concerned to dispel any misleading impression which may have arisen as a result of Mr. Joseph Kraft's column (March 5), entitled "Blood Bath in Indonesia." Mr. Kraft made use of a tentative attempt by a few of the American Indonesia specialists at Cornell to reconstruct the confusing events surrounding the coup of Oct. 1 and 2, 1965. This attempt was strictly confined to the events of those days, and neither discussed nor hazarded judgment on any subsequent events.

Since Mr. Kraft's column went considerably beyond a discussion of the events of early October to speculate on more recent developments, I wish to make it absolutely clear that both those who developed the hypothesis concerning the origins of the coup as well as other Indonesia specialists at Cornell, disassociate themselves completely from Mr. Kraft's evaluation and judgment of Indonesia's more recent past.

Furthermore, Mr. Kraft's observations on the prospects for Indonesia's future are also entirely his own. They are not and have not been the subject of study being undertaken at Cornell.

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Prof Kahin is quite right, and I am sorry if I gave any other impression.

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