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1. Indonesia takes neutral stand on Indochina--US Ambassador Cochran in Djakarta reports that when he expressed to Indonesian Premier Hatta the concern felt by the US over the Indonesian Parliament's recent resolution regarding Indochina, Hatta characterized the move as a political maneuver to forestall a more radical proposal and indicated his government does not contemplate the calling of an inter-Asian conference on Indochina, as the resolution suggests. Hatta told Cochran that Indonesia does not wish to recognize either Bao Dai or Ho Chi Minh so long as neither is in control. He pointed out that Indonesian policy was to foster unity in genuine nationalist movements in the Far East, not to divide them. Hatta declared his government intends to consult individually with other friendly governments in an effort to achieve a French yielding of sovereignty in Indochina.



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