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CONCLUSIONS

Chances are slightly better than even that Sukarno will not be seriously hindered by the army leadership as he moves to re-establish his domination of the country. The army leaders -- particularly Nasution -- are reluctant to face up to a showdown with Sukarno; their greatest fear is the possibility of a split in military ranks and consequent widespread disorder, even civil war. On the other hand, there is considerable sentiment throughout the military for stepping in to prevent a return to pro-Communist policies and there may be plans for such action soon. In any event current student demonstrations or other public outbursts of anti-Sukarno sentiment could impel the army to act.

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