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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in Indonesia
(as of 0700 EDT)

The full extent of the purge of anti-Communist army leaders now underway in Indonesia is still unclear. Thus far action appears only to have been taken in Djakarta. Over 20 army officers, including Defense Minister General Nasution and Army Commander General Yani, are reported under arrest at the hands of the "30 September Movement"-- the name taken by the group which has assumed power under a paramount Indonesia Revolution Council. All homes of top army leaders are under heavy guard.

Djakarta, heavily patrolled by military forces, is presently calm; there have been no reports of violence. However, fighting could erupt in outlying areas in connection with the announced intention by the now ruling Revolution Council in Djakarta to establish a network of provincial Revolutionary Councils.

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Communiqués issued by the Revolution Council charge that counter-revolutionary military leaders, banded together as a "council of generals," had been readying a rightist coup for 5 October, Armed Forces Day. The generals are alleged to have been working with CIA agents to overthrow Sukarno.

Whether Sukarno instigated or at least consented to the purges, or whether he is merely going along with the actions taken by leftist elements is not yet clear. There has been no direct word from Sukarno, although various communiqués by the

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Revolution Council report that he is safe and well and "under protection." Some ambiguity exists between an initial announcement that Sukarno remains as "head of state" and a later communiqué naming the Revolution Council as the "supreme authority in the country."

In any event, the Indonesian cabinet has been dissolved according to a 1 October decree; the present ministers are charged with continuing to discharge their responsibilities until a new council of ministers is formed by the Revolution Council. It has also been announced that Indonesia's foreign policy would not be changed, but would remain "free, active, and anti-neocolonialist"

Dr. Subandrio, leftist leaning 1st Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, would appear to be involved in the present power play, apparently acting in collusion with Indonesian Communist (PKI) leaders. A late SITREP from the Embassy in Djakarta notes that calm reigns at Communist headquarters in the capital, and that PKI leaders appear complacent about events.

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Air Force Commander Omar Dani has publicly embraced the aims of the Revolution Council, and has ordered air force personnel to be on the alert to "crush any attempt to endanger the revolution." Dani and Navy Commander Martadinata are listed as members of the Revolution Council which is headed by Lt. Colonel Untung, battalion commander of the presidential guard.

Suggestive of the revolutionary flavor of the new ruling groups is an announced decision that all military members of the Revolution Council holding a rank higher than Lt. Colonel will be reduced to that level to conform with Untung's status.

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