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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Indonesian Situation
(Report # 28 -- As of 4:00 P.M. EDT)

1. The army and its civilian supporters have continued to take anti-Communist action despite President Sukarno's return to Djakarta.

2. The Minister of Education has temporarily closed private educational institutes that "directly or indirectly supported" the 30 September movement. The Djakarta radio announcement lists nine schools. Two of them are well-known Communist training institutes; the other seven are specialized Communist indoctrination centers. The Education Ministry has also "frozen" two Communist-dominated student organizations.

3. The leftist head of Radio Indonesia was replaced on 11 October. The new acting director, who will have army advisers, is an unknown to the US Embassy.

4. A Moslem mob of some 200 persons on 12 October attacked the Djakarta homes of Lukman and Njoto, the first and second deputy chairmen of the Communist Party. They dragged possessions outside and burned them. The homes were unoccupied.

5. The American Consulate in Medan, North Sumatra, reports that an army house to house search is underway. Following a large prayer meeting which ended the mourning period for the murdered generals, mobs burned down the provincial headquarters of several Communist front organizations. The Sumatran Army Interregional Command has given the military police a list of army officers who are believed to be secret members of the Communist Party with orders that they be closely watched.

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6. The army is now reported willing to settle on General Adjie, the regional commander in West Java, as the new army commander to succeed the late General Yani. According to an earlier report, it planned to insist on General Suharto.

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8. Sukarno is reported to have called Moslem leaders before him a few days ago and berated them for attacks on the Communists. This could account for the about-face of the executive board of the large Moslem party, Nahdatul Ulama (NU). The NU's call on 8 October for no further demonstrations by Moslems, however, does not appear to have had any restraining effect. In Medan, the NU is still maintaining a strong anti-Communist line.

9. After a meeting with Information Minister Achmadi and First Deputy Prime Minister Subandrio on 12 October, Sukarno issued instructions that the people be given more "balanced" information. Subandrio, commenting on the president's instructions, stated that many reports being published are exaggerated. Sukarno order that telecommunciations with foreign countries be "resumed, improved, and perfected."

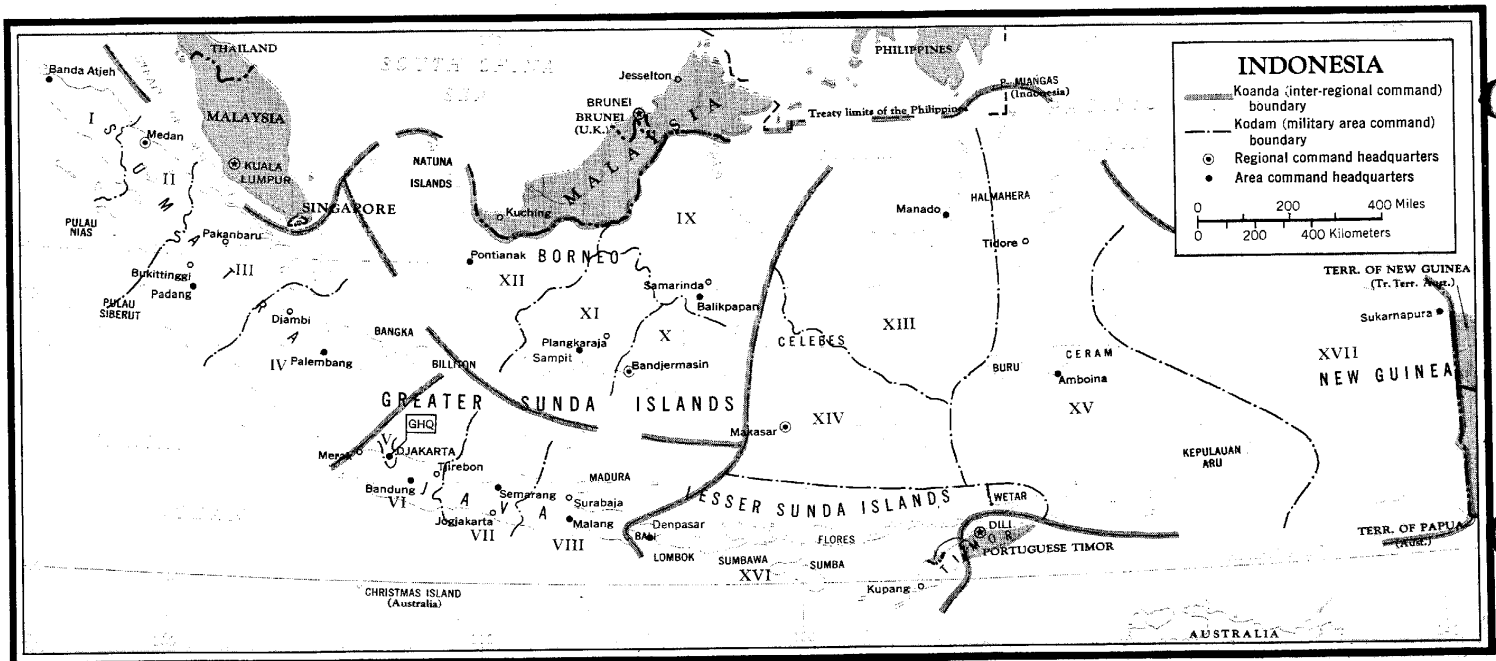
10. The Communists remain on the defensive. The Central Committee has put out no pronouncement since its statement of 5 October claiming that it was not implicated in the 30 September movement. Chairman Aidit's whereabouts remain unknown, although the army continues to believe he is in Central Java, most likely in the city of Solo. The Indonesian press reports that the Communist mayor of Surabaya has disappeared. The leftist governor of Medan is also reported to have fled. Radio Bandung in West Java reports that an entire Communist branch committee has withdrawn from the party and expressed loyalty to Sukarno.

11. An article in the Indonesian Herald, a mouth-piece of Subandrio, is a possible follow-up of reports that Sukarno will sacrifice Aidit and encourage a "new"

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Communist Party. The general aim of the article is to draw a distinction between "extreme Communism," which is un-Indonesian, and a "decent Communism" which could take a rightful place in Sukarno's nationalist-religious-Communist concept of government. A new periodical has even give this possible party a name--"Communist Association."



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