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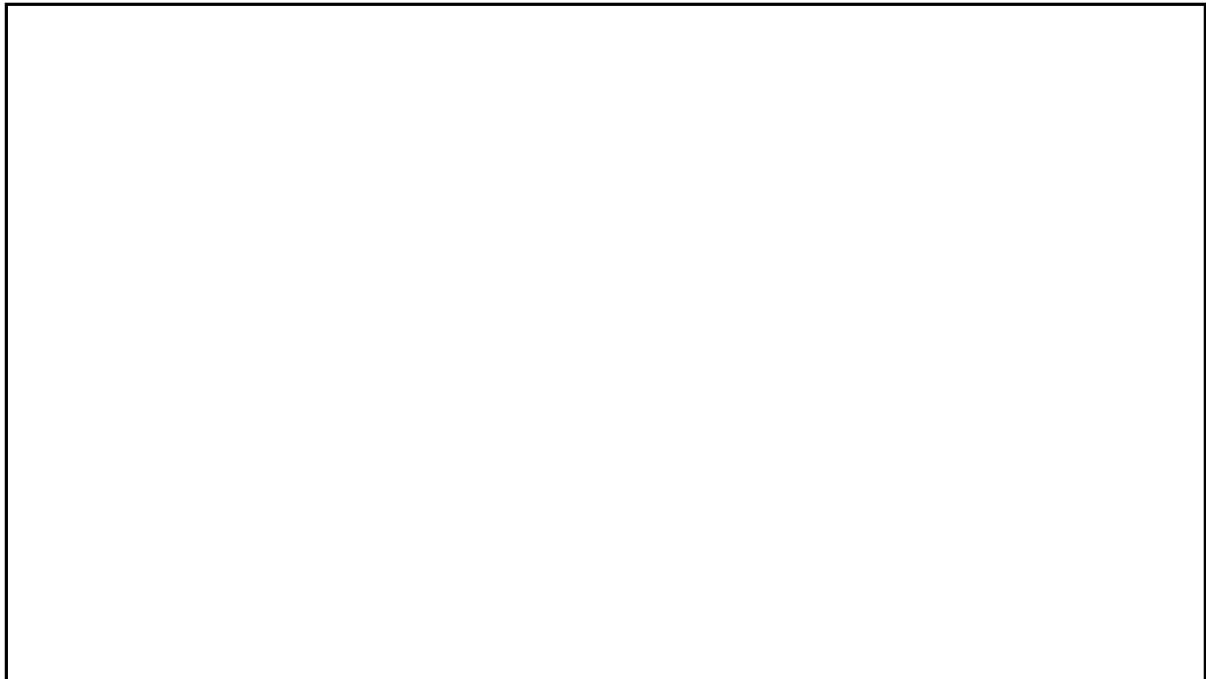
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3. A background briefing given three Western press correspondents by Second Deputy Foreign Minister Ganis Harsono seemed to reflect considerable confidence in his own position. Harsono in turn is dependent upon Subandrio--Foreign Minister and First Deputy Prime Minister--and upon Sukarno. Harsono gave the reporters a story, which the US Embassy says completely misrepresented the facts, of a mass rally on 28 September at which both Sukarno and Communist Party chairman Aidit spoke. The story, which is now being widely circulated, seems to be part of the continuing effort to portray Aidit as "anti-Indonesian" and to make him a major scapegoat for the 30 September affair.

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4. The Minister of Information told newspaper publishers on 15 October that "the present situation is not yet suitable for the president to take decisive steps. There is too much sentiment involved among the public."

5. General Nasution, Minister of Defense and Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces gave his blessing to the Anti-Foreign Military Bases Conference scheduled to open in Djakarta on 16 October. In a written message to a youth organization he said the campaign for the elimination of foreign military bases must be supported and expanded. His statement, possibly written before 1 October, was broadcast over the Djakarta Radio on 15 October presumably with army approval.

6. Mob activity in Indonesia took a new twist on 14 October with the destruction of the Chinese-controlled Res Public University in Djakarta. One Chinese student is reported to have been killed and numbers injured. Although the university was pro-Peking, the activity seems to have been as much or more anti-Chinese as anti-Communist. Minor instances of harassment of Chinese have been reported since 1 October but this is the first major instance of anti-Chinese activity.

7. Anti-Chinese sentiment is endemic in Indonesia, and anti-Chinese activity often accompanies a general rise in public excitement regardless of motivating circumstances. The Chinese Communist Embassy, rumored as a target for mob activity, is under a strong armored guard.

8. Probably in direct response to the destruction of Res Public University, one of the best equipped educational institutions in Indonesia, the Djakarta army commander on 15 October ordered a prohibition of property destruction. The army announcement stated that the people's anger in connection with the 30 September was understandable but that property destruction could not be condoned.

9. The army continues its drive against 30 September elements. It has ordered regional authorities to prohibit the activities of political and mass organizations clearly involved in the 30 September movement. Presumably these include the Communist youth and women's front organizations and possibly the peasant organization. Two other Communist-dominated youth groups were "frozen" several days ago.

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