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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Indonesian Situation
(Report # 35 - As of 4:00 P.M. EDT)

1. The possibility of serious clashes between Communist and non-Communist groups appears to be increasing. Anti-Communist elements in Sumatra seem intent on the complete destruction of the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) and its allied organizations. Moslem and other groups are now engaged in the systematic destruction of PKI offices and properties throughout Sumatra. Reports indicate that the army is directing and assisting in these activities while putting on a public show of following Sukarno's "no revenge" line.

2. There have been reports of the concentration of armed PKI cadres in northern Sumatra, a center of PKI strength, but so far anti-Communist forces appear to be encountering little effective opposition from the PKI. PKI forces in Java are also reportedly concentrating in a pro-Communist area of central Java and stockpiling rice and arms.



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4. The commander of the Celebes military area has followed the lead of the Djakarta military command in temporarily banning activities of the PKI and its affiliates.

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5. President Sukarno's attempt to exploit the Anti-Foreign Military Bases Conference, ending tomorrow in Djakarta, has been a failure. Despite an announcement that 500 delegates from 100 countries would attend the conference, only 186 delegates were present for Sukarno's opening address on 17 October. The US Embassy in Djakarta comments that the holding of this lackluster conference is further evidence of Indonesia's isolation from responsible world opinion.

6. New China News Agency (NCNA) on 19 October published a special roundup of developments in Indonesia. The full text of the roundup is not yet available; however the general tone appears to be extremely critical of developments in Indonesia since the 30 September coup attempt.

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