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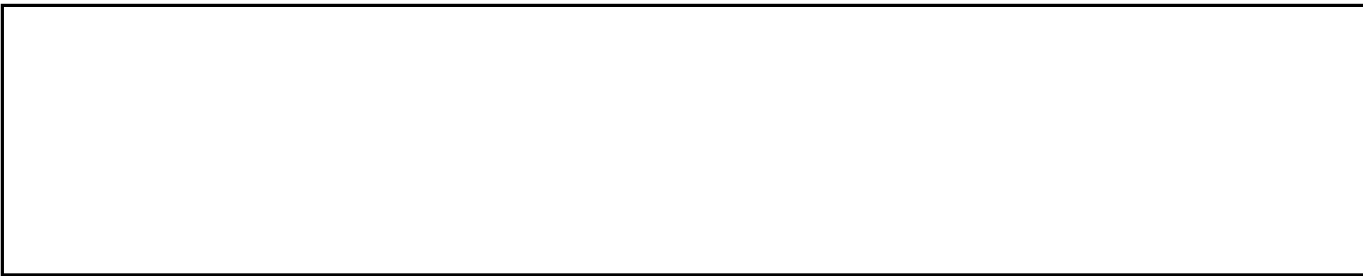
INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Indonesian Situation  
(Report #44 - As of 4:00 P.M. EDT)

1. Although President Sukarno shows no disposition to meet the army's demand that the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) be banned, at the same time he demonstrates no ability to halt the army's anti-Communist campaign. His speech to party leaders at a 27 October meeting reflected his continued support for Subandrio and a desire to return to the political pattern that pertained prior to 1 October.

2. There is no firm information as to the responses of the party leaders to Sukarno, but indications are that they stood up to him and insisted on banning the PKI. Before the meeting, Army Commander Gen. Suharto warned them that they must press for the proscription of the PKI and against the creation of a "new" Communist party. He said that if they did not, the army would impose national martial law under which the parties would have no role at all.

3. Sukarno did not appear as scheduled on 28 October to lay a cornerstone for a "Sukarno Tower." The US Embassy comments that his radio statement on the evening of 27 October was a floundering and pathetic performance. He repeated ad nauseam "as a man babbling in delirium" pleas for saving the nation and complaints about those who had failed to follow his orders.



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