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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Situation in Indonesia
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1. Sukarno made his expected Heroes Day speech today, in the course of which he attacked the US for passing out money for anti-Indonesian activities. This is the same accusation he made at his 6 November cabinet session. The speech itself was relatively mild, but Sukarno made it clear that he was not going to take army charges against the PKI lying down, that he was going to defend close associates such as Foreign Minister Subandrio from army charges, and that he was going to appeal for a return to the status quo ante over the head of the army. 25X1

3. A private discussion between a US Embassy official and an official of the Foreign Ministry indicates that the army is apparently attempting to "finish off" Sukarno as well as the PKI and Subandrio. This action, the Indonesian official thought, would take some time. The official also sought, through the US Embassy, to warn the British not to complicate the army's task by taking advantage of the situation in Borneo and elsewhere. 25X1

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5. [redacted] the cities
in Central Java are now secure but the countryside is still
turbulent. [redacted] the army should have little
difficulty clearing the relatively flat country around Solo
but may have more trouble on the slopes of Merapi volcano--
where the PKI is strong and PKI leader Aidit is believed to
be hiding. [redacted]

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