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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Indonesian Situation
(Report #61 -- As of 4:00 PM EST)

1. Despite President Sukarno's apparently strengthening position, anti-Communist action is continuing throughout Indonesia.

2. Mass slayings of PKI members and supporters continue to be reported. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] between 4 November and 9 November 3,400 Communists were killed in one area of East Java.

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3. Recent reports continue to place PKI chairman Aidit in Central Java in the vicinity of Merapi volcano, the principal area of hardcore Communist resistance. The deputy PKI chairmen, Lukman and Njoto, are reportedly at the palace under Sukarno's protection and nearly all of the remaining top party leadership is reported under army arrest.

4. Defense Minister General Nasution, in a speech made in Djakarta yesterday, bitterly attacked the PKI. Nasution declared that the party should be banned not because Indonesia is "anti-Communist" but because the PKI had proved to be a "traitor to the state." On the same day 1000 women demonstrated in Djakarta demanding the permanent dissolution of the PKI women's auxillary Gerwani. The demonstrators were said to be led by the wife of Foreign Minister Subandrio, who is apparently attempting to come in, at least part of the way, off his pro-Communist limb.

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