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At the Deputies' Meeting on 2 August 1957 Mr. Wisner noted that the deterioration of the situation in Indonesia is being viewed with the utmost gravity in the highest circles of the U.S. government. It was discussed at the NSC meeting on 1 August and was also the subject of a high level meeting between representatives of the Department of State and CIA. Mr. Wisner said that after these meetings he had received a call from Walter Robertson who stated that Stewart Alsop had approached a fairly low level member of the Department and had asked rather pointed questions about the U. S. policy toward this area. He said there was a distinct innuendo on the part of Mr. Robertson that there had been a leak to Alsop stemming from the discussion at the NSC on the talks between State and CIA or both. He noted Mr. Robertson showed signs of extreme agitation about this matter. Mr. Amory commented that it would be no great trick for an alert writer to read the newspapers and realize that something is going on in Indonesia. Mr. noted that he had seen Stewart Alsop on Wednesday night, 31 August, and at that time Alsop indicated he intended to do a column on Indonesia. Mr. made it plain that Alsop did not query him in any way shape or form on Indonesia. (Mr. Wisner will pass this information along to Mr. Robertson.) ACTION: General Cabell directed that for the next few days and at least until the dust has settled, discussions about Indonesia be held with only those people authorized to participate.

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