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TO : Assistant Chief,  
 Division of Biographic Information  
 Department of State

FROM : Chief, Requirements Section, OCT, CIA

DATE: 27 August 1953

SUBJECT: Request for Biographic Information (1E-971)

1. This Agency is compiling in brief outline form certain background intelligence data for immediate reference purposes. Among the data are brief biographies of the most important personalities, with particular emphasis on their international sympathies. Indonesia has been selected as the first country in this series and we will appreciate your providing brief biographic sketches of the officials listed on the attachment. You may wish to add other officials whom you believe to be of similar importance in the current Indonesian scene.

2. Since the purpose of the compilation is quick, immediate reference, brevity and a high degree of selectivity are essential characteristics. We feel that the following information for each official would suit our purposes:

Name (and pronunciation) - Present Position - Political affiliation.

Year of birth - Highlights of Previous Public Service since World War II - International Sympathies (as described in category 20 of your index code).

3. Except for the very top officials, such as Sukarno, we would think that a total of four lines would be the maximum length.

In giving a person's full name, it would be useful if you would capitalize the single name by which the person is commonly known, and give its pronunciation; thus, "Mohammed NATSIR (Naht-zeer)".

4. We would appreciate receiving the material in double-spaced form with the names alphabetized according to the single name capitalized.

5. Control number 1E-971 has been assigned to this request. Please refer any questions to [REDACTED] Code 143, Ext. 2181. 25X1A

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1 Attachment:  
 List of Officials

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