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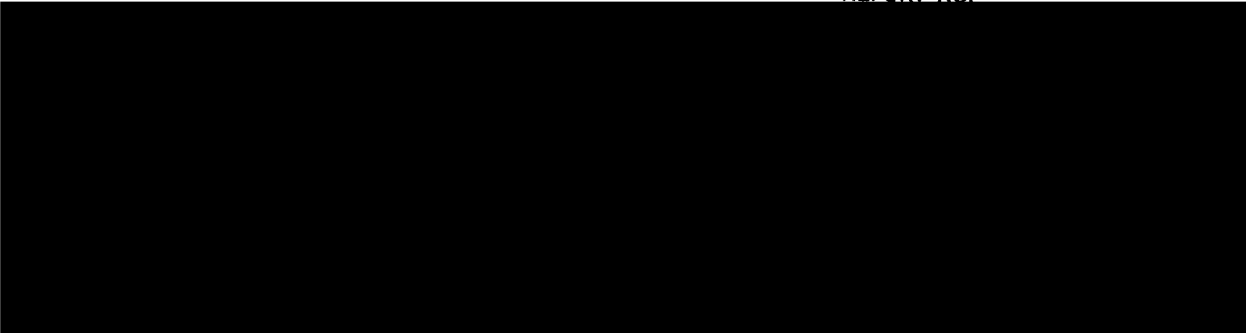
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1. Bapa Matjem's "garongs" (looters, murderers, kidnappers - about fifty armed men and some hundred unarmed) are concentrated in Tjibadak and Djati in the Tjibaroesa district of rural Buitenzorg.
2. Lt. Colonel Soetan Akbar, commandant of all guerrillas and terrorists in the residency of Batavia, has his headquarters at Pangkalan, about 22 kilometers to the south of Krawang. Here he has about a hundred men. Akbar, a medical student, is an honorary member of the Tentara Repoebliek Indonesia Peladjar (Students' Corps of the Tentara Nasional Indonesia).
3. The 88th Battalion is scattered about in the vicinity of Krawang. Sections of this battalion are stationed at Tjiranggon, Rawamerta, Wanasepi on the Tjitaroem River, at Tambelang near the highway from Krawang to Tjikampek, at Pasirkemoening, at Tjiboengoer, and in and around Tjilamaja with large concentrations along the irrigation canal. One of the captains of this group is nicknamed Si Kilat (the Lightning).
4. More than fifteen Japanese are moving about freely in Goenoengbatoe and Dramaga. They still carry their wartime automatics and the civil police and Dutch troops can do nothing against them. About a hundred and fifty well-armed Japanese have been sighted at Tjidjoelang in the Garoet area. They form their own colony there.
5. Approximately one thousand Sabilillahs have their headquarters at the foot of Mt. Tjereme in Cheribon. They frequently raid Kadipaten and Madjalengka.
6. Manondjaya, Mangoenredja and Bandjar are still full of roaming armed guerrillas, who rob and murder wealthy people, aliens and natives alike. Members of the 1st Brigade of the Siliwangi Division are kidnapping people in Roempin, which is near the status quo line between the residencies of Batavia and Bantam.
7. Major Berligh, Communist commander of Indonesian guerrillas (formerly commandant of the Partai Komunis Indonesia's Biroewang Merah), returned to Krawang from Jogjakarta on 1 July 1948. He landed secretly at Tjabang-Boengin at the mouth of the Tjitaroem River. From here he proceeded to his former headquarters in the hills around Poerwakarta.

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8. A number of murders have been reported in the Krawang area, the victims being mostly Indonesians and Chinese. About the 1st of July Tasikmalaya was raided twice at night by armed guerrillas. The town is filled with refugees.
9. Garoet is infiltrated by armed guerrillas and terrorists. Placards threatening to plunder the town have been discovered. The Japanese are cooperating with the Indonesian guerrillas. There is a terrorist concentration at Sedong in the residency of Cheribon. It was attacked by Dutch troops on the 3rd of July. Seditious literature, arms and ammunition were confiscated.

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