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SUBJECT Missing Indonesian Republic Plane R.I. - A.U. 002

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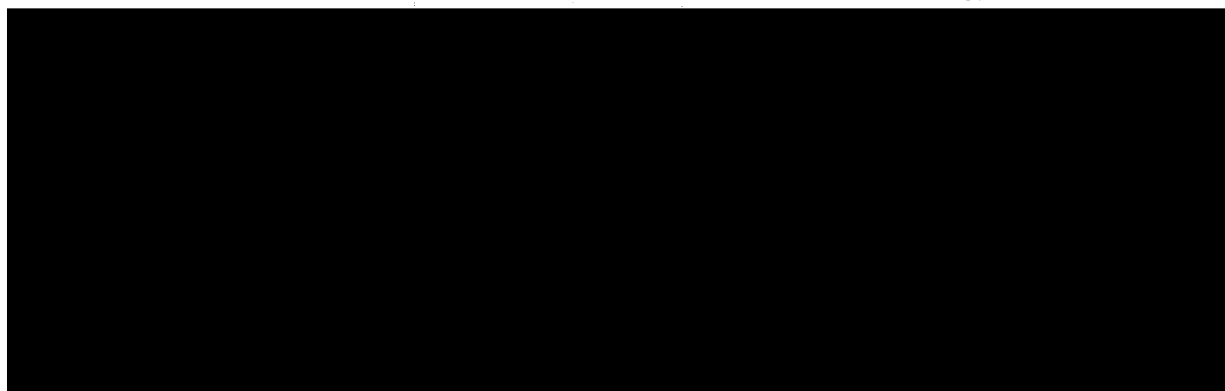
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Comment. No attempt has been made to reconcile the inconsistencies in the information presented below. In all cases when the full name is known it is given.)

1. The following passengers were carried by the Indonesian Republic's plane R.I. - A.U. 002 (Republic of Indonesia - Angkatan Udara No. 002), which Antara (Indonesian news agency) reported had been missing since 1 October 1948. On this date, the plane left the airfield at Tandjoeng-Karang (Lampoung, Southern Sumatra) at 2 p.m. enroute to Benkoelen:

- B. Freeberg (an American), pilot
- Soemadi, an officer in the Angkatan Udara Republik Indonesia (AORI)
- Bambang Septoadji, an officer in the AORI
- Santoso, a sergeant in the AORI
- Soeryatman, sergeant-telegraphist of AORI
- Samaoen Bakri, Assistant Resident Commissioner of the Residency of Bantam.

2. It is believed that the plane encountered heavy winds and crashed in the mountains between Batoeradja and Mr. Dempo (about 3,170 meters above sea level).

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3. Samaoen Bakri had left Bantam secretly, crossed the Sunda Strait at Tandjoeng-Karang, and was intending to go from there to Bukit Tinggi.

4. The Indonesian Republic plane R.I. - A.U. 002, which according to Republic sources is missing between Tandjoeng-Karang and Benkoelen, was carrying 14 boxes, weighing 35 kilograms each, containing silver and gold, and the following passengers:

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| Pilot | B. Freeberg |
| Co-Pilot | Santoso |
| Crew | Bambant
Soeriatno |
| Passengers | Soemadi
Samaoeng
(Samaoen) Bakri, Assistant Resident of Bantam |

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Saswita Atmadja, head of the Partai Politik Kedaulatan
Rakyat (PPDR)

Kcerjasama, coordinator for Economic Affairs
name not given, Commandant of the airbase at Gorda.

5. Dutch intelligence alleges that the Indonesian Republic plane R.I. - A.U. 002 was carrying four cases containing gold bars obtained from the gold mine at Tjikotok southern Bantam.
6. This Dakota was not bound for Benkoelen, where there is no airfield (see paragraph 1), but for some foreign airfield. Its destination may have been either Bangkok or New Delhi.
7. Source has had no reports of a plane crash in the area where it was supposed to have been lost, and no Republican planes have landed either at Talangbetotot, Palembang, or any other place in that area between 1 and 14 October 1948.

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