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1. [REDACTED] admits that guerrilla warfare will severely damage Indonesian economy if it is continued for another six months. This official hopes to diminish the loss of lives and destruction of property by appointing Indonesian police throughout Republican areas. He stated that the economy of the country had already been set back six months.
2. He does not believe that Sukarno will be acceptable to the Indonesian Federalists or to the Dutch. He believes that Hatta, Sjahrir and other former Republican officials will be offered posts in the new state of Central Java. It is unlikely that they will accept such posts as the Masjumi and the Partai Nasional Indonesia groups have joined with the Communists in a common front of resistance. The Sultan of Jogjakarta has refused to talk with Hamid II, Sultan of Pontianak, except through former Republican leaders.
3. [REDACTED] states that Indonesian Federalists are trying to attract some former Republican leaders from the new state of Central Java, but so far they have not been successful. Those officials who have been approached were personally willing, but they feared reprisals against their families.
4. [REDACTED] does not see what the Asian Conference in New Delhi can do to aid the Republic materially, beyond sending small amounts of medicine, arms and clothes - which could be sent only through Atjeh.

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