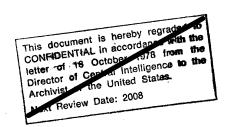
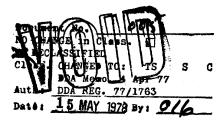
- In an effort to break what the Dutch feel is the pro-Republican front of the Bijzonder Federaal Overleg (BFO), Dr. Beel, on the advice of Dr. Koets, had Mansur, the Wali Negara of East Sumatra, call the All-Sumatran Conference the end of March, for the purpose of consolidating pro-Dutch forces.
- 2. This Dutch strategy was based on the fears of Sumatrans, such as Mansur of East Sumatra and Abdul Malik, Wali Negara of South Sumatra, that Republican strength in their sphere would dominate the political scene. The conference has not had the desired effect. Efforts are now being exerted to break up the BFO as an Indonesian Federalist group.
- 3. Both Marisur and Malik are more dictatorial in their areas than the Dutch are and the populations under their control are getting more and more uneasy. Both of these men are accepting Dutch advice and money. They are definitely not regarded as the choice of the people.
- 4. Even Hamid II, Sultan of Pontianak, feels that it is a mistake for Beel to try to break up the BFO.





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