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1. The Republican Government will be able to restore peace and order to the areas recently occupied by the Dutch should these areas be returned to Republican control. However, the Republic must first be furnished with the necessary materials or must be given assurance that these materials will be forthcoming. This is a reasonable request since at the present time the Dutch have taken absolutely everything, from typewriters to locomotives, obviously with the intention of making it impossible for the Republic to function in the event that the Republican Government is again restored to power. Their intention cannot be otherwise.
2. The safest method for the Republic would be to obtain these materials directly from abroad since, in that case, the Republic would not depend on the Dutch, who would certainly betray the Republic as they have done before.
3. The restoration of the Republic is the only way at present by which an end can be put to the trouble and insecurity which has been prevalent throughout the interior of Java and Sumatra since the second Dutch military action. Actually, security and order and peace exist only in the four large cities of Batavia, Bandung, Semarang and Surabaja. In other places such as Jogjakarta, Purwokerto, Bandjarnegara, Priangan, Tjirebon, Banten, Sukabumi, Surakarta, and Pekalongan, conditions are insecure. Sabotage to enterprises, railroads, and public works are common occurrences. Everything points to an increase in these public disturbances; the increase is in ratio to the desperately cruel way in which the Dutch react to them.
4. The Dutch Government will be able to maintain itself only if it has an armed force large enough to maintain approximately 20 men in each desa in Java. This would amount to a total armed strength of 480,000 men in Java alone, not including the necessary police force.

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5. Another method which could be used by the Dutch Government to maintain itself in Java would be to surround every desa and each enterprise or vital industry with barbed wire. This would require 2,000,000 truck-loads of barbed wire material for Java alone.
6. The Dutch are making believe they are fighting against "terrorists", while actually they are fighting against the entire population; otherwise, how can one explain the fact that not less than 15 hectares of rice were cut down in West Ketanggungan? Elsewhere, in Purwokerto, three locomotives, coupled together, rode out of the roundhouse in an eastern direction, without a machinist, fireman, etc., aboard. These are two of the hundreds of cases of sabotage that occur daily.
7. Many of the estates have to close, and the number of these estates which are forced to cease operations is certain to increase daily.

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