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- 1. Infiltrating Chinese are landing almost daily south of Pontianak. Most of these Chinese are from Malaya, Hong Kong and Amoy. Both small fishing craft owned by Chinese inhabitants of Borneo and military landing craft are being used to transport these Chinese.
- 2. It is believed that guns and other military equipment have been landed. Some jeeps have been brought ashore (B-6).
- So far about 1,400 Chinese immigrants have settled south of Pontianak. They occupy seven strategic points in the jungle. These Chinese live in small kampongs and do not openly display their arms. Since 80 percent of the population of West Borneo are Chinese, the infiltrants easily blend in with the settled inhabitants. The Chinese control the entire economy in this area.
- 4. The Angkatang Perang Republic Indonesia Serikat (APRIS) is powerless to combat this infiltration. Rich Chinese in this area provide the APRIS officers with "squeeze money" in return for their friendship and unmolested smuggling privileges. The APRIS commander is unable to maintain control over his units in this locale. Discipline is lax and food and equipment are insufficient.

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Comment. Captain Achmad Wiranata Kusuma is trying to handle the situation in this area but is helpless with his present equipment. Only scant supplies arrive from Java. He needs arms, other equipment, and an intelligence unit to enable him to eliminate this infiltration of Chinese Communists. If this situation is not remedied soon, the possibility of a Chinese Communist revolt in West Borneo will exist.

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