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SHOULD MILITARY AID BE CONSIDERED LATER, IT  
WOULD BE DONE, AS IN THE CASE OF "AFGHANISTAN...  
NOT PUBLICLY."

8. HE SAID, WITHIN ASEAN, THE MALAYSIANS HELD THE STRONGEST VIEWS SUPPORTING MILITARY AID TO SON SANN WITH OR WITHOUT A COALITION; SINGAPORE AND THAILAND BELIEVED A COALITION WAS NEEDED TO PRESERVE THE LEGITIMACY OF THE KHMER GOVERNMENT AND THAT AID SHOULD GO ONLY TO SUCH A COALITION. THE INDONESIANS, WHILE THEY APPEARED, ON THE SURFACE, TO OBJECT TO THE "SUBSTANCE" OF MILITARY AID, OBJECTED EVEN MORE TO THE PUBLIC APPEARANCE OF PROVIDING MILITARY AID. HE THEN INDEPENDENTLY CONFIRMED THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF THE NATHAN BRIEFING WITH REFERENCE TO ASEAN UNITY ON AID TO THE KHMER.

9. DHANA NOTED THAT AN ACCOUNT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLDRIDGE'S BRIEFING OF ASEAN AMBASSADORS ON THE SON SANN VISIT WAS READ AT THE PATTAYA CONFERENCE. THE MINISTERS FELT THAT THE US WAS DISPLAYING A MORE POSITIVE POSITION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AID.

10. RETURNING TO INTRA-ASEAN DISCUSSIONS AT PATTAYA, DHANA SAID THAT WHAT CONCERNED THE INDONESIANS MOST WAS THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION BY ASEAN OF AID TO THE KHMER, PARTICULARLY MILITARY AID. THERE WERE ELEMENTS IN INDONESIA WHO FEARED THAT INDONESIA MIGHT BE DRAGGED INTO MILITARY INVOLVEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE WAS A CLEAR CONSENSUS AT PATTAYA THAT ADDITIONAL MILITARY PRESSURE ON THE VIETNAMESE WAS NEEDED. THIS WOULD NOT BE DONE IF ONLY THREE OF THE ASEANS SUPPORTED SUCH PRESSURE. THE PROCESS WILL BE LONG AND DRAWN OUT, HE SAID, AND THEREFORE IT IS IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY TO MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE, TO KNOW WHERE THE USG STANDS.

11. DHANA SAID HE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US IN THE COURSE OF THE COMING WEEK.

12. COMMENT: DHANA MAY HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED OVER THE LACK OF A MILITARY COMPONENT IN OUR RESPONSE BUT HE DID NOW SHOW IT. I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED, HOWEVER, IF HIS CONSIDERED RESPONSE (AFTER CONSULTATION WITH RAJA AND PM LEE) WERE TO INCLUDE AN EXPRESSION OF A DESIRE FOR SOMETHING MORE. AS FOR HOW WE OR SINGAPORE HANDLE THE INDONESIA PROBLEM, WE CAN EXPECT SINGAPORE TO MAKE A PROPOSAL NEXT WEEK. IN THE MEANWHILE, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR US TO TELL SINGAPORE ASAP WHAT MOCHTAR TELLS CHARGE MONJO ABOUT THE INDONESIAN POSITION. END COMMENT. THAYER

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THE VIETNAMESE. THIS WOULD GIVE THE KHMER A CHOICE ONLY BETWEEN THE DK AND THE PRK. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE KHMER WOULD NOT CHOOSE THE DK. THEREFORE, HE SAID, "WE CAN'T FIGHT SHY OF THE MILITARY AID ISSUE." THE KPNLF CANNOT FIGHT "WITH MEDICAL AMPULES." O'DONOHUE RESTATE THE VIEW THAT FOR THE USG MILITARY AID IS "COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY." NATHAN SAID, "WE UNDERSTAND THIS (USG VIEW) BUT WE CAN'T PRECLUDE IT (MILITARY AID)."

10. THE ONE-HOUR CONVERSATION ALSO DEALT WITH AID TO VIETNAM, REMARKS ABOUT SON SANN AND U. S. CONTACT WITH VIETNAM, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE REPORTED IN A SEPTEL.

11. COMMENT: BOTH FROM THIS CONVERSATION AND FROM GHAZALI'S AIRPORT REMARKS REPORTED BY K.L. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA, AT THE LEAST, HAVE NOT ABANDONED THEIR HOPES FOR A U. S. MILITARY AID INVOLVEMENT. A DEFINITIVE GOS RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS POSED IN OUR DECEMBER 12 DEMARCHE STILL IS TO COME. WITH MAHATHIR AND GHAZALI IN TOWN, WE CAN EXPECT THE CLOSEST COORDINATION BETWEEN THE ASEAN HAWKS.

12. DAS O' DONOHUE HAS NOT SEEN THIS MESSAGE. SMITH

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