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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Most Probable Communist Propaganda Targets in Southeast Asia

Indochina, at present under increasing Soviet and Chinese Communist propaganda attack, is the Southeast Asian target of highest priority and greatest exploitability. Indonesia is also under propaganda fire by both the Peiping regime and the USSR and, though less immediately exploitable, is now the target of second priority. If Sino-British relations deteriorate markedly, however, Malaya, which next to Indochina is the most exploitable area in Southeast Asia, will probably replace Indonesia as the second priority target. The other Southeast Asian nations—the Philippines, Thailand, and Burma—will remain propaganda targets of lower priority.

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