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1. PARTLY BASED ON ARMY INFLUENCE AND ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE SOME FORM OF SOVIET PRESSURE, PRESIDENT SUKARNO HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE INBALANCE OF POWER THAT HAS DEVELOPED IN INDONESIA DURING THE PAST NINE MONTHS. THIS INBALANCE OF POWER, HIGHLY FAVORING THE PKI, HAS CLOSELY IDENTIFIED INDONESIA WITH COMMUNIST CHINA AND HAS SERIOUSLY ALIENATED THE SOVIET UNION. IN ORDER TO BALANCE MORE EVENLY

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THE POWER OF FORCES IN INDONESIA AND TO PACIFY THE SOVIET UNION, PRESIDENT SUKARNO HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING STEPS AND HAS INDICATED THAT THERE ARE MORE TO FOLLOW.

A. DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY, PRESIDENT SUKARNO SIGNED A DECREE REINSTATING MURBA AS A RECOGNIZED AND SANTIONED POLITICAL PARTY.

(SOURCE COMMENT: THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE REINSTATEMENT WILL BE MADE ON OR ABOUT 14 MAY).

B. ON MAY 5 SUKARNO SENT GENERAL NASUTION TO MOSCOW TO DELIVER AN INVITATION FOR SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN TO VISIT INDONESIA. NASUTION WAS GIVEN THE ADDITIONAL MISSION OF PACIFYING THE RUSSIANS BY ASSURING THEM THAT SUKARNO INTENDS TO TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES WHICH WOULD ALTER THE CURRENT SITUATION.

(SOURCE COMMENT: NASUTION WAS SPECIFICALLY SELECTED BY SUKARNO FOR THIS MISSION SINCE IT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE GOVERNMENT THAT HE IS THE ONLY SENIOR INDONESIAN OFFICIAL WHOM THE SOVIETS RESPECT AND TRUST

C. THE THIRD STEP WHICH SUKARNO HAS DECIDED UPON CALLS FOR A MAJOR CABINET RESHUFFLE. THE CABINET RESHUFFLE, WHICH COULD OCCUR BEFORE THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE, OR AT THE LATEST BEFORE THE 17 AUGUST INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION, WILL BE SUKARNO'S MAJOR MOVE TO BALANCE THE INTERNAL FORCES

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OF POWER. (FIELD COMMENT: SOURCE DID NOT KNOW WHAT FORM THE CABINET RESHUFFLE WOULD TAKE).

2. FIELD COMMENT: [REDACTED] (TDCS-314/05894-65) FROM AN INDEPENDENT SOURCE STATED NASUTION WOULD BE CARRYING WITH HIM ON HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW A PERSONAL LETTER FROM SUKARNO INVITING KOSYGIN ON A STATE VISIT.

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3. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR CINCPAC ARPAC PACFLT. (ALSO SENT KUALA LUMPUR, SINGAPORE, MANILA, MELBOURNE.)

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