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Brig. Gen. Chester V. Clifton
Military Aide to the President

I believe the President will be
interested in reading the attached
report of Sukarno's reaction to his
visit with the President.

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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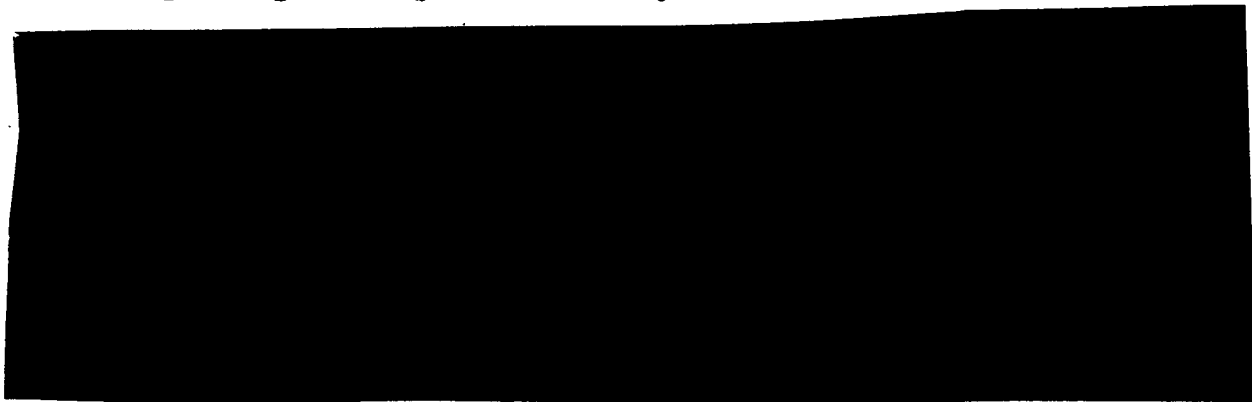
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1. There appeared to be unanimous agreement among the members of President Sukarno's entourage that Sukarno and President Kennedy had got on well together. Dr. Suharto, Minister of People's Industries, stated that Sukarno had been impressed by the forceful and intellectual approach of President Kennedy to the problems discussed. Sukarno himself remarked, "The Americans have a very well-informed President. He is charming and was very gracious to me. I feel that he can be ruthlessly practical when the situation calls for it."

2. Deputy First Minister Dr. Leimena and Supreme Advisory Council member Dasaad said that the group was impressed by the way President Kennedy publicly accepted the blame for U. S. errors in connection with the abortive invasion of Cuba. They said that Sukarno felt this was one more indication of President Kennedy's realism in dealing with world affairs.

3. Sukarno was in rare good spirits upon his departure from Washington. His mood was reflected in others of the party and there was singing and bantering during the trip to Mexico City.



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