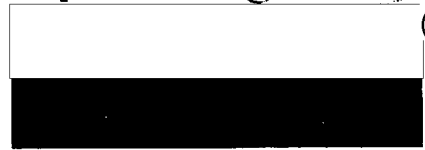
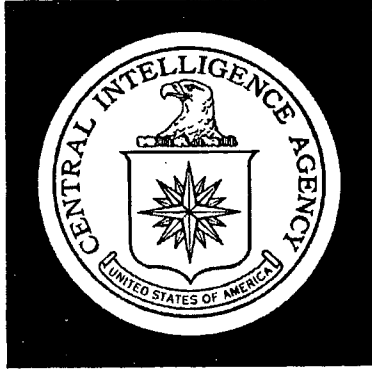


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Indonesia: Pressures against President Sukarno continue to mount, but he still shows no disposition to resign or to leave the country.

Sources close to Foreign Minister Malik report that he assured the President on 31 January that no action would be taken against him if he would voluntarily step down. Sukarno is said to have demurred.

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According to Malik, evidence against Sukarno now being collected by the attorney general is for use chiefly in persuading the President to resign. If Sukarno refuses to leave voluntarily, however, the evidence will be used against him.

Anti-Sukarno, pro-army ranks in parliament were considerably strengthened on 1 February by the addition of 108 new appointees, including at least 20 student and youth leaders. Parliament makes up part of the congress, the nation's highest policy-making body and the only one authorized to take formal action against the President. The government is considering the exclusion of political party members as regional representatives to the congress, a move that would further strengthen the army's influence.

A large student demonstration before parliament on 30 January called for congress to meet in special session to remove Sukarno from office and to commission an investigation of charges that he was involved in the abortive coup plot of October 1965. Parliament is scheduled to discuss this request today and tomorrow.

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