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1. In a discussion with the reporting officer on February 6, Aziz Aty, Moslem student activist and one of the leaders of the PII (Moslem Student Association), stated the present determination of the anti-communist students, cooperating through the mass organization KAMI, to press for the fulfillment of their three-point program:

- A. Reshuffling the Cabinet
- B. Banning the PKI
- C. Lowering prices



2. As to future plans, Aziz said that the students have placed their hopes in the development of the outer islands, and are focussing their attentions on the Lampung area of South Sumatra, where they hope that development can be advanced through the transmigration projects. He said the students were rebellious against continuing economic distress and eager to get on with building the nation along sound lines.

3. A memorandum of conversation reporting the remarks in greater detail is enclosed.

4. COMMENT: While the development program in the transmigration areas sound ambitious, and in fact is ambitious, it nevertheless is heartening to hear from a vigorous, purposeful

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at high school level along with the U.S. Government's position that the students are thinking beyond the present phase of demonstrations and sign painting and strikes.

One point which Aziz made deserves special noting. He expressed the view that numbers of this new generation of students in their late teens and early twenties have never known colonial domination and therefore have no hostility toward it. Rather, they are turning their thoughts in more constructive directions using their three-point program as a take-off for what they intend to be a cleanup of the government, followed by real economic reform and new opportunities for the new generation. The goal seems remote but the persuasive outlining of it by this young activist indicates some positive thinking is being done by a valuable element of the population.

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Enclosure:

As stated.



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Miss Mary Vance Trent, First Secretary of Embassy

DATE & PLACE: February 6, 1966; home of reporting officer

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Aziz came to pay one of his frequent calls and I asked him about both short-term and long-range plans of the KAMI (anti-communist student association) of which he and his group are an active part. He said that demonstrations will probably continue although he gave no definite schedule and seemed not to know any. He was present and participating in the demonstration against the Chinese Embassy last Thursday, February 3, and said that plans were carefully worked out ahead of time in cooperation with the Army and the police. Student plans called for more destructive operations at the Embassy but the students were delayed in their arrival. However, the police, who appeared on schedule, came on the scene somewhat earlier in the operation than had been planned and, therefore, the students had to call a halt before they had gone as far as originally intended. Aziz rather shrugged off the demonstration at the American Embassy and said that, of course, no hostility was ever intended here and that the students very much appreciated Ambassador Green's appearing personally to accept their petition.

Aziz said that university students and teachers as well are still on strike and will continue so for the purpose of pressing for their unalterable three-point program: (1) Cabinet reshuffle, (2) banning the PKI, and (3) lowering prices. He feels it significant that in joined

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10-36-4 said the recent consultation with Adam Malik KAMI representatives had been advised by Malik to continue firmly to press their program. Malik had told them that the present government is "nonsense" and that it is up to the student groups of the new generation to move toward bringing it down.

Aziz spoke of continuing student fervor against the government, especially against Sukarno and "his ruling classes." He said that recently KAMI had asked Governor Sumarno to meet with them and Sumarno had sent his deputy, Suwando, who had addressed a sizeable

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conclusion (10-36-4) talk, in which he attempted to explain
and the economic distress, Suwando had asked if anybody had anything to
say. Every hand in the room shot up, according to Aziz, and a verbal free-
for-all ensued. One of Aziz's friends made the point to the accompaniment
of much applause that in other nations people are moving forward, exploring
space, and getting ready to go to the moon as well as looking after their
own domestic problems, while here in Indonesia twenty years after
independence "we are still so worried about prices and economic troubles
that we can't think of anything else."



I asked Aziz what he thought about Army-student relationships and
whom he regarded as the strongest Army support. He replied at once "the
big General" and said specifically he meant Nasution. When I asked
about Suharto, he shrugged and said "Suharto has gotten too important
and is forgetting the main issues." He didn't mention Adjie, to whom
he has frequently referred with admiration and I did not question him
on this.

Aziz then spoke at some length about long-range planning which has
been envisaged by what I gather to be a broad range of student groups
including both Moslems and Christians, specifically the PII and others
connected with the Muhammadiyah (Moslem welfare organization). He said
he felt their hope lay in development in the outer islands and to this
end about three years ago these non-communist students had started
purposely sending their cadres to penetrate the transmigration groups
being moved from Java to both Kalimantan and Sumatra. They were aware
that the PKI, mainly through the Pemuda Rakjat, was interested in this
transmigration program and had expected to take it over but had not
been able to do so completely. Now with the PKI eliminated in such
areas, the students feel that their non-communist associates have a
chance and that the future of this country lies in development of these
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the Lampung (10-36-4) or South Sumatra where they have been
among the settlers there, according to Aziz, and they hope to get
rolling with real development in the agricultural field in that area.
Meantime, they will continue to press their political activity in
Djakarta hoping that by doing so they may inch their way toward more
strength for anti-communist elements, a weakening and ultimate overthrow
of Sukarno's Government, and hopefully an opening to real development
outside Java.