

Ambassador Jones

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Participants: Brig. Gen. Sutjipto Manukusumo, Minister of Police
Ambassador Bunker
Ambassador Jones
Mr. David Guthell
Mr. Edward E. Masters

Date & Place: April 13, 1965 - Minister Sutjipto's office

Subject: Matters Affecting Indonesian Police

The following significant points emerged from a half-hour discussion limited largely to non-substantive matters:

(1) In reply to a query from Ambassador Bunker about the ability of the Indonesian police force to protect American lives and property, the Minister said he was "not too concerned" about the danger to Americans. He said there were many problems and this would undoubtedly be a difficult task at times but that he felt his police force would be able to protect Americans.

(2) Ambassador Jones mentioned that it might be possible for us to continue contractual affiliations with several Indonesian universities if the government of Indonesia actually wanted these. He asked whether, assuming there was a firm statement by President Sukarno that these programs were desirable and that the Americans should be protected, the police would indeed be able to protect the American personnel concerned. Minister Sutjipto said there would be problems but, if they were instructed by the President, his men would "do their best." In reply to a further question the Minister said that of the four contractual arrangements, the situation was most difficult in Surabaya. He implied, without unequivocally saying so, that his police force would be able to cope with the situation there if there were a firm Presidential statement.

(3) In the course of the discussion the Minister expressed his appreciation for the extensive assistance the police force has received from the United States Government over the past 12 or 13 years. He spoke fondly of his own year and a half in the United States and mentioned that many of his officers had received similar United States training. Sutjipto mentioned that he had discussed with the State Department and AID officials during his visit

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to the United States in 1961-62 the possibility of securing new equipment for the Mobile Brigade. Unfortunately, he said, this had not worked out. Both Ambassador Jones and Ambassador Bunker expressed the hope that it might be possible at some future time to supply this equipment if the basic situation should improve.

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