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1. Aftermath of 30th September Affair

a. The reporting week provided abundant evidence that the Army-Moslem forces were gaining the ascendancy in the Indonesian political arena, displaying an almost unrelieved series of Army victories as well as an image of a cornered and collapsing PKI and increasingly powerless Sukarno.

b. In Djakarta suspensions and firings of PKI and leftist officials continued at a frantic pace, with 2,000 employees dismissed from the Ministry of Maritime Affairs alone. Both governmental and non-governmental agencies busily expelled their PKI members, with 57 being suspended from the Indonesian Parliament, including both Politburo and Central Committee members. Whereabouts of the Minister for Electricity, a suspected PKI member, remained a mystery. Pressure continued to mount for the ousting of First Deputy Prime Minister Subandrio.

c. Elsewhere in Indonesia, by the end of the week the suspension of the PKI was generally in force in all provinces, and PKI branches and members were increasingly dissolving themselves or resigning from the Party. Although there were scattered reports of terrorist violence in several provinces, only in two regencies of Central Java - Bojolarif and Klampayan - were there indications the PKI intended to stand and fight. In these areas, more than 200 deaths have occurred because of PKI terrorism, and the Army is mounting a

vigorous and so far apparently successful campaign to quell the revolt. Aidit is in Bojolarif directing the establishment of a "base area," according to Army CO Suharto.

d. Despite all the attention paid to the PKI, the real center of the political stage was occupied by the Army-vs. Sukarno/Subandrio duel, in which the Army seems to have won all the rounds this week. Sukarno succeeded in dissolving two shadowy former Nasution organs which had outlived their statutory functions, and was able to gain a press outlet with the appearance of Dwikora, an Information Ministry newspaper, but that was the extent of his gains. To the Army's benefit, Sukarno was forced to ratify and thereby legitimize existence of the State of War in Djakarta and Central Java already proclaimed by the military commanders in wording which implied the PKI had started a rebellion. By the end of the reporting week, the Army was in the process of preparing a reorganization of the Supreme Operations Command (KOTI) which will undoubtedly be intended to include the removal of its Deputy Commander, Subandrio. It was also apparent that Subandrio's document-fabricating agency, the BPI, was just about in the Army's clutches. Suara Islam, banned at Sukarno's behest, was reinstated by the Djakarta area CO, who also issued a stern order that all PKI/affiliate members be fired from GOI agencies in Djakarta. By week's end, this order was being vigorously enforced. Although Sukarno continues to call for "calm" so that he can implement a "political settlement," this settlement appears to have been already presented to him by the Army, which is replacing those officials "suspended" from various ministries with its own people. As well, mayors and district chiefs suspended in the provinces are being replaced by Army commanders. The military thus have energetically filtered into the interstices of the complex hierarchy of power in a way that is intended to prevent Sukarno from reversing the tide against the PKI. In short, more and more people are getting a vested interest in anti-communism.



e. Indo-Chicom relations continued to worsen during the week. According to reliable sources, exports to Communist China have been suspended, although it is uncertain whether this was caused by an Indonesian military decision or by the Chicoms themselves following the closing of their commercial offices in Djakarta. In Medan, a huge demonstration was stage-managed by the Army to protest to the Chinese Consulate and rip down the Chinese flag and seal. Although this demonstration has not been publicized widely in Djakarta, it should draw fire from China and add fuel to the anti-Chinese flames here eventually.

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