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5. REACTION TO BUNKER MISSION COMMUNIQUE
USE): INDO PRESS ATTENTION TO US-INDO COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT
END OF BUNKER MISSION (WEEK 16) BEGAN AND ENDED IN SINGLE DAY
AND EVEN THEN WAS OVERSHADOWED BY MUCH LONGER AND MORE
FULSOME COMMUNIQUE MARKING END OF STATE VISIT NORTH KOREAN
PREMIER KIL IL-SUNG WHICH ISSUED ONLY FEW HOURS AFTER BUNKER
COMMUNIQUE. SEVERAL PAPERS EDITORIALIZED, HOWEVER, WITH REACTION
PRIMARILY ON NEGATIVE SIDE. COMMUNIST PRESS ACCUSED BUNKER
OF TRYING TO BUY INDO FRIENDSHIP. SEVERAL PAPERS
NOTED STRIKING DIFFERENCES IN TONE OF INDO-US AND INDO-
DPRK COMMUNIQUE AS CONTRASTING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FORMAL
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS MAINTAINED WITH USG AND SPIRIT OF COMRADES
IN COMMON STRUGGLE WHICH GOVERNED INDO-DPRK RELATIONS.
MORE "FRIENDLY" EDITS MERELY STRESSED THAT ANY IMPROVEMENT
IN INDO-US RELATIONS WAS RESPONSIBILITY OF USG AND URGED
AMB BUNKER TO EXPLAIN INDO REVOLUTION TO AMERICAN PEOPLE.
LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE OF COMMUNIQUE IN GENERAL STRESSED EITHER

SUKARNO STATEMENT THAT MALAYSIA DISPUTE SHOULD BE SETTLED
ACCORDING TO "MANILA OR TOKYO AGREEMENTS", OR PEACE CORPS
WITHDRAWAL FROM INDONESIA.



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7. BUNKER MISSION DEPARTS AFTER TWO WEEK STAY DURING WHICH HE HELD SEVERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESIDENT SUKARNO AND HAD MEETINGS WITH NUMEROUS OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE GOI, SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY AMB BUNKER DEPARTED DJAKARTA FOR RETURN TO US APRIL 15. FINAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JOINTLY BY SUKARNO AND BUNKER RECOGNIZED THAT FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN INDONESIA AND US WERE "OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO PEOPLE OF BOTH COUNTRIES." WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT DIFFERENT VIEWS EXISTED ON RANGE OF FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, IT WAS "AGREED THAT THESE DIFFERENCES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO AFFECT UNDULY GENERAL PATTERN OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS EXISTED FOR SO MANY YEARS." COMMUNIQUE ALSO NOTED IMPORTANCE WHICH SUKARNO ATTACHED TO SOLUTION OF DISPUTE WITH MALAYSIA AND USG EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PEACEFUL SOLUTION CAN BE BROUGHT ABOUT THROUGH "MEANS ACCEPTABLE TO THOSE CONCERNED."

COMMUNIQUE CONTINUED THAT IN VIEW OF CERTAIN TENSIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES IT WAS AGREED THAT US PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA "SHOULD BE REVIEWED AND REVISED ON CONTINUING BASIS." USG INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INDO UNIVERSITIES, HOWEVER, AND SUKARNO EXPRESSED ASSURANCES THIS PROGRAM WAS WELCOME AND HAD FULL SUPPORT OF GOI. IT WAS AGREED THAT PEACE CORPS WOULD CEASE OPERATIONS IN INDONESIA AND VOLUNTEERS WILL DEPART WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

COMENT: UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES BELIEVE COMMUNIQUE BEST TO BE EXPECTED. WHILE MARKING NO MAJOR TURNING POINT FOR BETTER IN PRESENTLY POOR STATE OF INDO-US RELTIONS, IT DOES REPRESENT FIRST UNQUALIFIED PUBLIC SUKARNO ENDORSEMENT IN SOME TIME OF DESIRABILITY GOOD RELATIONS WITH USG AND POSITIVE INDO INTEREST IN PROGRAMS SUCH AS MUTUAL COOPERATION INFIELDS HIGHER EDUCATION. LATTER ASPEC MAY STIFFEN SPINES OF UNIVERSITY FACULTIES WHO NERVOUSLY BEGINNING SUCCUMB TO LEFTIST PRESSURES AGAINST COOPERATION WITH AMERICANS AND FOR REORIENTATION OF CURRICULUM WHICH IN MANY FIELDS STILL DOMINATED BY AMERICAN TEXTBOOKS AND AMERICAN TRAINED PROFESSORS.



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12. BUNKER MISSION : MOST OF NON-COMMUNIST AND ARMY-INFLUENCED PRESS HAS CONTINUED TO GIVE HEAVY BUT RATHER STRAIGHT COVERAGE OF AMB BUNKER'S PRESENCE AND HIS TALKS WITH INDO LEADERS, BUT WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT COMMENT. COMMUNIST PRESS SOON LAUNCHED INTO CASTIGATION OF BUNKER MISSION WITH EDITS SUGGESTING HE ATTEMPTING TO BRIBE INDO BUT RESULT WOULD ONLY BE GREATER DIFFICULTIES FOR US. FRONT-PAGE CARTOONS HAVE PORTRAYED BUNKER AS BLOODY-HANDED ENVOY OF "MURDER OF VIETNAM" AND AS STOOP-SHOULDERED FROM CARRYING BURDEN OF "AGGRESSION AGAINST VIETNAM," ETC.

COMMUNIST AND ALLIED MASS ORGANIZATIONS IN FIELDS YOUTH, WOMEN, LABOR, ETC. HAVE MADE SERIES PRONOUNCEMENTS AND SENT RESOLUTIONS DENOUNCING BUNKER MISSION AND CALLING FOR PEOPLE TO "CHASE BUNKER FROM INDONESIA." THIS CAMPAIGN HAS FAILED TO GAIN USUAL STEAM OF SUCH

PROPAGANDA HOWEVER AND HAS ACTUALLY SLACKENED IN PAST TWO DAYS, PERHAPS INDICATING SLIGHT DAMPENING BY GOI.

FOREIGN MINISTRY-INFLUENCED INDONESIAN HERALD EDIT EMPHASIZED THAT LOW STATE OF INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WAS ALL FAULT OF USG AND CASTIGATED AMERICAN PUBLIC MEDIA "HOSTILITY" TOWARD PRESIDENT SUKARNO. HOWEVER, FORMIN SUBANDRIO STATED AFTER ONE MEETING WITH AMB THAT HE WISHED TO SEE INDO-US RELATIONS IMPROVE.



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5. BUNKER MISSION IN DJAKARTA AMB BUNKER
ARRIVED IN DJAKARTA MARCH 31 AS SPECIAL ENVOY OF PRESIDENT
JOHNSON FOR TALKS WITH INDO LEADERS ON CURRENT LOW STATE OF
INDO-US RELATIONS. PRELIMINARY MEETING HELD WITH PRIMIN
SUBANDRIO SAME DAY AND LETTER FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON GIVEN
TO SUKARNO IN FIRST MEETING APRIL 1.

PRESS TREATMENT THUS FAR VERY LIGHT, WITH COMMUNIST
PRESS VIRTUALLY IGNORING VISIT. SOLE EDITORIAL (IN CHRISTIAN
SINAR HARAPAN) SAID USG SUPPORT OF MALAYSIA MADE BUNKER
MISSION DIFFICULT ONE AND SUGGESTED THAT INDO IN GOOD
POSITION TO MEDIATE WITHDRAWAL "US IMPERIALISM" FROM VIETNAM.

COMMENT RELIABLE INFORMATION INDICATED
SUKARNO PLANS TO LISTEN TO WHAT BUNKER MAY OFFER BUT DOES
NOT PLAN MAKE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS HIMSELF. PROBABLE INDO
TACTIC WILL BE TO EMPHASIZE ALLEGED INDO GRIEVANCES OVER
FORMATION MALAYSIA AND PLAY DOWN FUNDAMENTAL HOSTILITY
TOWARD AMERICAN AND WESTERN INFLUENCE IN AREA.



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9. BUNKER MISSION DISTORTED BY SUKARNO AND PRESS

SUKARNO'S FALLACIOUS REMARK FOLLOWING MEETING WITH AMBS JONES AND BLAIR TO PALACE PRESS CORPS THAT AMB BUNKER WOULD REPLACE AMB JONES IN DJAKARTA IMMEDIATELY BECAME SUBJECT OF WIDE PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENT. WARTA BHAKTI FOR INSTANCE

OPINIED THAT AMB BUNKER'S MAIN TASKS WOULD BE TO EXPRESS MORE US SYMPATHY FOR GOI AND TO CONVINCE US PEOPLE THEY MUST MOVE INTO HARMONY WITH INDO REVOLTIION. DESPITE AMB JONES IMMEDIATE PROTESTS TO SUBANDRIO ON THIS ISSUE, NO EXPLICIT DENIAL HAS APPEARED AS OF THIS WRITING.

