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COUNTRY: (U) **INDONESIA (ID)**

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SUBJECT: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 JAKARTA MILITARY ATTACHES RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES (ABRI) INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (BIA) ON THE RECENT CIVIL UNREST IN **INDONESIA (U)**

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SUMMARY: (U) THE INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES' INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (BIA) HELD A BRIEFING FOR ALL MILITARY ATTACHES AT BIA HEADQUARTERS 980522. THE SUBJECT OF THE BRIEFING WAS A RECAP OF THE EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW MONTHS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE RECENT CIVIL UNREST. ENCLOSURE.

TEXT: 1. (U) THE INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (BIA) CONDUCTED A BRIEFING AT BIA HEADQUARTERS FOR THE MILITARY ATTACHES ASSIGNED IN JAKARTA ON 980522. THE BRIEFING CENTERED ON EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW MONTHS AND PRIMARILY THE EVENTS FROM 13 MAY UNTIL PRESENT. THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY BGEN ((SANUSI)), THE DIRECTOR OF DIRECTORATE A. THE MEETING BEGAN WITH A COFFEE RECEPTION FOLLOWED BY AN OPENING SPEECH BY BGEN SANUSI RECAPPING EVENTS THAT LEAD TO THE RIOTING IN JAKARTA AND THE **RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT ((SUHARTO))** (SEE ENCLOSURE FOR TEXT). HE STATED THAT

DUE TO THE RAPIDLY CHANGING SITUATION IT WAS DIFFICULT TO WRITE A CURRENT BRIEF SO HE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS BETTER TO OPEN THE FLOOR TO QUESTIONS.

2. ~~(C)~~ THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS WERE DISCUSSED BY THE VARIOUS (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) REPRESENTATIVES FROM BIA.

- QUESTION: IS THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT UNDER PRESIDENT ((HABIBIE)) PERMANENT OR IS IT A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT?

ANSWER: IT IS UP TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (DPR) AND THE COURTS IF NEW ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD.

- STATEMENT FROM GERMAN ATTACHE: THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS THE DRAFTING OF NEW REGULATIONS AND LAWS SO THAT A DEMOCRATIC ELECTION CAN BE HELD.

- QUESTION: THE TRI SAKTI SHOOTING. WHO DID IT AND WHAT WILL BE DONE REGARDING IT? ANSWER: ONLY 4 PEOPLE WERE KILLED NOT 6. CURRENTLY 30 PEOPLE ARE BEING INVESTIGATED FOR THE INCIDENT. THE COMMANDER OF THE UNIT IS RESPONSIBLE. CROWD CONTROL PROCEDURES WERE VIOLATED, BALL AMMUNITION WAS USED VICE RUBBER BULLETS. RESPONSIBILITY LIES WITH THE SHOOTER AND TWO LEVELS OF COMMAND UP.

- STATEMENT: RUMORS HAVE IT THAT THE SHOOTING IS CONNECTED TO ABRI. THAT ABRI (READ: LTGEN PRABOWO) WANTED TO INCITE THE RIOTS SO THAT IT COULD QUELL THEM AND ENHANCE IT'S POSITION. THE SHOOTINGS MUST BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED WITH THE PEOPLE BEHIND THEM BEING HELD RESPONSIBLE. RESPONSE: WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE INCIDENT VERY HARD. DON'T ACCEPT RUMORS, FOR INSTANCE WE HAD A RUMOR THAT THE PEMUDA PANCASILA WAS GOING TO CAUSE TROUBLE AT THE DPR COMPLEX AND IT WASN'T TRUE.

- QUESTION: WHAT ARE THE SHORT TERM PLANS FOR SECURITY? HABIBIE IS NOT WELL LIKED BY THE STUDENTS AND HAS LIMITED SUPPORT. ANSWER: TWO THIRDS OF THE TROOPS IN THE STREET HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND BASED ON THE SITUATION TROOP LEVELS WILL BE REDUCED. HABIBIE'S SUPPORT IS GROWING HE HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED THE SUPPORT OF NU, PPP, PDI, ABRI AND 40 MOSLEM ORGANIZATIONS.

- QUESTION: WE NEED A CONTINUOUS SOURCE OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION. CAN BIA PROVIDE A DAILY SITREP VIA FAX? ANSWER: CALL US ANYTIME YOU HAVE A QUESTION AND WE WILL ANSWER IT (GEN SANUSI THEN GAVE OUT SEVERAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS).

- QUESTION: HOW CAN WE GET ROUTE INFORMATION TO THE AIRPORT? ANSWER: CALL BIA WE WILL DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO GET YOU TO THE AIRPORT, EVEN USING HELICOPTERS.

- QUESTION: THE SITUATION ON 14 MAY DEVELOPED VERY FAST. WHY WERE THERE NOT ENOUGH TROOPS? ANSWER: THERE ARE A SMALL NUMBER

OF TROOPS IN JAKARTA. ONLY ONE BRIGADE AND POLICE UNITS. THERE IS ONE DIVISION DIVIDED BETWEEN KARAWANG AND TASIKMALAYA IT TAKES TIME FOR THEM TO REDEPLOY. THE MAJORITY OF THE RIOTING AND LOOTING ON 14 MAY TOOK PLACE FROM 0900L TO 1200L. IT WAS VERY QUICK. DURING THE MAY 97 ELECTIONS WE DISCOVERED A PLAN THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE AN ORGANIZED AND COORDINATED CIVIL DISTURBANCE TWO DAYS BEFORE IT WAS TO HAPPEN. WE WERE ABLE TO DEPLOY TROOPS TO PRECLUDE THAT FROM HAPPENING. NOT THIS TIME.

- QUESTION: ARE YOU SAYING THAT THESE RIOTS WERE PLANNED?

ANSWER: IT IS POSSIBLE.

- QUESTION: WHAT IS THE SITUATION OUTSIDE OF JAKARTA? ANSWER: THERE ARE NO MORE PROBLEMS IN EAST JAVA. TODAY IN MALANG THERE IS A GATHERING FOR PRAYER IN THE TOWN SQUARE. IN SURABAYA THERE WILL ALSO BE A GATHERING FOR PRAYER AT THE MOSQUE AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. AMIEN ((RAIS)) WILL LEAD A PRAYER AT THE DPR COMPOUND FOLLOWED BY A SPEECH. IN MEDAN THERE ARE NO INCIDENTS.

- QUESTION: THE TROOPS IN THE STREETS ARE NOT GOOD FOR **INDONESIA'S** IMAGE. IT LOOKS LIKE A STATE OF EMERGENCY. WHEN WILL THE POLICE REPLACE THE TROOPS? ANSWER: WE SURROUNDED MONAS TO AVOID A BIG GATHERING THERE. THERE ARE NO FENCES AROUND MONAS, SO CONTROLLING A 100,000 PERSON CROWD WOULD BE DIFFICULT. WE DID NOT WANT ANOTHER TIANAMEN SQUARE INCIDENT. TOMORROW WILL PROBABLY BE THE LAST DAY FOR THE TROOPS TO BE IN THE SQUARE. WE DID NOT DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY BECAUSE THE SITUATION DID NOT WARRANT IT. IT WAS A DIFFICULT SITUATION NOT AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. WE USE ARMORED VEHICLES AT KEY POSITIONS BECAUSE OF THEIR SYMBOLIC SHOCK EFFECT.

3. ~~(C)~~ DISCUSSION WAS INTERRUPTED SO THAT THE ATTENDEES COULD SEE PRESIDENT HABIBIE ANNOUNCE HIS CABINET ON NATIONAL TELEVISION.

COMMENTS: 1. (b)(3):10 USC 424 ~~(C)~~ GEN SANUSI MADE EVERY ATTEMPT TO BE HONEST AND ACCURATE IN HIS ANSWERS. THE MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED BY THE JAKARTA ATTACHE CORPS. THE GERMAN ATTACHE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN GUIDANCE TO ENSURE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S OPINIONS ARE BROADCAST TO EVERY MILITARY OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL HE MEETS. HE JUST STOPPED SHORT OF ISSUING A DEMARCHE REGARDING HIS GOVERNMENTS DESIRE FOR REFORM AND FREE ELECTIONS.

2. ~~(C)~~ THE STATEMENT BY GENERAL SANUSI STATING THAT ONLY ONE BRIGADE IS STATIONED IN JAKARTA APPLIES TO ARMY BRIGADES. THE 2ND MARINE INFANTRY BRIGADE IS ALSO LOCATED IN JAKARTA.

3. ~~(C)~~ IT WAS INTERESTING THAT WHEN GEN SANUSI REFERRED TO

FORMER **PRESIDENT SUHARTO** HE CALLED HIM "PAK HARTO". PAK IS A TERM USED TO SHOW RESPECT. WHEN REFERRING TO PRESIDENT HABIBIE HE MERELY SAID "HABIBIE".

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1. HANDOUT, "BRIEFING BY DIRECTOR "B" BIA TO FOREIGN DEFENSE ATTACHES ACCREDITED IN INDONESIA JAKARTA 22 MAY 1998", 1 CPY, 9 PGS, 980522, (U), IN ENGLISH.
2. HANDOUT, CLARIFIED COPY OF ENCL 1., 1 CPY, 980522, (U), IN ENGLISH.

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