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COUNTRY: (U) INDONESIA (ID).

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B. [redacted] (b)(3):10 USC 424

SUMMARY: (C) AS OF 1600L 16 OCT 1999, JAKARTA IS QUIET WITH ONLY A SMALL SCALE DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL INDONESIA. GENERAL WIRANTOS REPEATS HIS COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARD AND FACILITATE THE ELECTION PROCESS.

TEXT: 1. (C) DURING THE MORNING THROUGH EARLY AFTERNOON OF 16 OCT 1999, JAKARTA WAS QUIET WITH VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY NOTED AT THE USUAL HOTSPOTS (ATMA JAYA UNIVERSITY, TRISAKTI UNIVERSITY, AND THE DPR BUILDING). SECURITY FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF THE SENAYAN STADIUM AND SEMANGGI APPEARED RELATIVLY RELAXED. [redacted] OBSERVED AN ARMY OFFICER LEADING A GRO UP OF APPROXIMATLEY 100 SOLDIERS (COMPANY LEVEL) IN MILITARY SONGS WHILE THE TROOPS WERE SEATED IN THE SHADE AT SENAYAN.

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2. (C) BY 1500L 16 OCT 1999, [redacted] OBSERVED A SMALL DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL INDONESIA. APPROXIMATELY 100 SUPPORTERS OF PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDER AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE INDONESIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY STRUGGLE (PDI-P) MEGWATI ((SOEKARNOPUTRI)) CARRIED BANNERS THAT CALLED ON ALL INDONESIAN PEOPLE TO REJECT PRESIDENT B.J HABIBE. PDI-P SUPPORTERS WERE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO INCITE A DEMONSTRATION AT ATMA JAYA UNIVERSITY, HOWEVER THEIR EFFORTS APPEARED LESS THAN SUCCESSFUL.

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3. (U) TODAY'S ACTIVITY WAS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE EVENTS OF THE LAST TWO DAYS. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS INDICATED THAT 170 PROTESTERS WERE INJURED DURING THE LAST TWO DAYS. IN ADDITION, 25 POLICE OFFICERS AND FIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE INJURED. A POLICE SPOKESMAN COMMENTED THAT APPROXIMATELY 73 PROTESTERS WERE ARRESTED IN THE PAST TWO DAYS.

4. (U) ALSO IN THE LOCAL PRESS, GEN ERAL WIRANTO INSISTED SECURITY FORCES WOULD GO ALL OUT TO FACILITATE AND SAFEGUARD THE ELECTION PROCESS. THESE COMMENTS APPEARED TO BE IN RESPONSE TO CALLS BY VARIOUS GROUPS TO OPEN THE ELECTION PROCESS TO THE PUBLIC.

COMMENTS: [redacted] (b)(3):10 USC 424 1. FOR THE MOMENT, THE SITUATION IN JAKARTA IS CALM. HOWEVER THIS COULD CHANGE

QUICKLY. THE FACT THAT THREE OF THE SEVEN FACTIONS IN THE MPR HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY WILL REJECT PRESIDENT HABIBE'S ACCOUNTABILITY SPEECH PROBABLY HELPED DIFFUSE A POSSIBLE THIRD DAY OF DEMONSTRATIONS.

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