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COUNTRY: (U) INDONESIA (ID).

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SUBJECT: (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424 ROAD RECCE TRIP OF JAKARTA (U).
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B. (C) (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 424,1.4 (c)

SUMMARY: (C) A DRIVING TOUR OF JAKARTA HOT SPOTS IN THE LATE
AFTERNOON ENCOUNTERED NO VIOLENCE, A FAIR NUMBER OF ARMORED
VEHICLES IN THE CENTRAL AREA OF THE CITY, FEW TROOPS, AND A VERY
LARGE DEMONSTRATION AT THE DPR/MPR COMPLEX.

TEXT: 1. (C) ON 980519 AT APPROXIMATELY 1520L (0820Z), (b)(1),1.4 (c)
BEGAN A DRIVING TOUR OF JAKARTA HOT SPOTS. THE SOUTHWEST CORNER
OF MERDEKA SQUARE WAS THE MOST HEAVILY GUARDED SITE ON THE
TOUR

WITH 4 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (3 LOOKED LIKE CADILLAC GAGE
150S WITH "PHH KODAM JAYA" WRITTEN ON THE SIDES), 2 AMX-13 LITE
TANKS, AND ABOUT 30 TROOPS (14 OF WHOM WERE LOUNGING IN THE
SHADE). FURTHER NORTH ON THE WEST SIDE OF MERDEKA S QUARE WERE
ANOTHER AMX-13 AND 2 MORE APCS.

2. (C) NORTH OUT OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF MERDEKA SQUARE INTO
KOTA (CHINATOWN) WAS THE WORST DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY
OBSERVED.

MOST BUILDINGS HAD WINDOW GLASS DAMAGED/DESTROYED AND MANY
HAD
BEEN GUTTED BY FIRE. ARMORED VEHICLES OBSERVED IN THE AREA WERE
2 CADILLAC GAGE TYPE APCS, 1 SCORPION, AND A BTR-50. THERE WERE
ALSO 2 MARINE TROOP TRUCKS THAT WERE EMPTY EXCEPT FOR 3 MARINES
AND SOME LADY FRIENDS. THERE WAS ALSO A CONVOY OF 6 APCS (150S)
HEADED SOUTH.

3. (C) THE TANJUNG PRIOK AREA LOOKED RELATIVELY UNDEAMAGED AND
VERY FEW TROOPS/POLICE WERE NOTED. ON THE MAJOR ROAD IN THE
NORTHEAST SECTION OF THE CITY, THE ONLY ARMORED VEHICLES NOTED
WERE A MARINE PT-76 AND BTR-50 HEADED NORTH AT A LEISURELY RATE.

4. (C) TRISAKTI UNIVERSITY LOOKED VERY CALM--NO CROWDS AT ALL.
PROPERTY DESTRUCTION TO THE WEST OF THE UNIVERSITY WAS ALMOST
AS
BAD AS IN KOTA, BUT ON A SMALLER SCALE. TRAFFIC IN ALL AREAS WAS
NOT QUITE AS HEAVY AS NORMAL, BUT CLOSE . TOLL GATES IN THE
VICINITY OF TRISAKTI WERE NOT DESTROYED, AND WERE OPERATING AS
USUAL.

5. (C) THE DPR/MPR BUILDINGS HAD STUDENTS ON THE ROOFS WAVING
FLAGS TO THEIR COMRADES ON THE GROUNDS AND OUT ON THE TOLL
ROAD.

(b)(1),1.4 (c) WHO MILLED WITH THE CROWD, ESTIMATED THE SIZE AT 30,000

PARTICIPANTS. CARS WERE STOPPED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS AGAINST THE MEDIAN OF THE TOLL ROAD SUCH THAT ONLOOKERS WERE NOT BLOCKING TRAFFIC IN EITHER DIRECTION. MOST LOOKED TO BE MIDDLE-CLASS, YOUNGER THAN 30, AND THEY WERE JUST STANDING AND WATCHING.

(b)(1),1.4 (c) REMARKED ON THE FACT THAT THE EVENT WAS WELL COORDINATED--BUSES/TRUCKS WOULD BRING STUDENTS INTO THE GROUNDS, WHERE THEY WOULD BE MET BY A STUDENT LEADER WHO WOULD DIRECT THE OFF-LOADING USUALLY FOLLOWED BY A (SCHOOL?) SONG, THEY WOULD THEN BE MOVED AWAY FROM THE ARRIVAL POINT TO MAKE WAY FOR THE NEXT LOAD. REPORTEDLY SOME VEHICLES CARRYING WOULD-BE-PARTICIPANTS FROM BOGOR HAVE BEEN STOPPED SHORT OF JAKARTA, BUT THERE ARE STUDENTS IN FROM YOGYAKARTA, OT HER CITIES ON JAVA, AND FROM SUMATRA. DEMONSTRATORS ARE IN, ON, AND AROUND THE MAIN BUILDINGS, AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY STAY THERE UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE PLANNED MARCH TOMORROW MORNING. THEY INTEND TO MARCH TO MONAS (MERDEKA SQUARE). (b)(1),1.4 (c) THAT HE HAS NEVER FELT SAFER IN A LARGE CROWD--EVERYONE WAS VERY PLEASANT. NO ARMORED VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED, BUT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN OBSCURED BY THE THRONG. ONLY A FEW SOLDIERS WERE OBSERVED AT THE END OF THE COMPLEX GROUNDS WERE THE CROWD THINNED OUT.

COMMENTS: (b)(3):10 USC 424 1. (C) THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH THIS MORNING APPEARS TO HAVE HAD A CALMING EFFECT ON THE "IGNORANT MASSES," BUT THE STUDENTS ARE UNLIKELY TO BE SATISFIED WITH SUCH A NEBULOUS PROMISE FOR CHANGE. THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PRESS ON WITH THEIR PLAN TO MARCH, AND ABRI WILL HAVE AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK TO STOP THEM NON-VIOLENTLY. THEY WILL HAVE TO ESCORT THE MARCHERS (I.E. JOIN THEM).

2. (C) (b)(1),1.4 (c) THAT THE DEAL HAS PROBABLY BEEN CUT TO GIVE ((SUHARTO)) A GRACE FUL WAY OUT, ((PRABOWO)) SAFETY FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS, AND ((WIRANTO)) A CHANCE TO IMPLEMENT A REFORM PACKAGE--THE THREE MOST OFTEN NAMED ACTORS ALL WIN (OR AT LEAST DON'T LOSE TOO BADLY).

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