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RE: DJAKARTA 6317

SUBJECT: WEST IRIAN

1. GOI IS BELATEDLY AND ALMOST DESPERATELY SEEKING TO DEVELOP

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SUPPORT AMONGST PEOPLES OF WEU IRIAN FOR REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA BEFORE "ACT OF FREE CHOICE" SCHEDULED FOR 1969 U. NEW UN SUPERVISION. FOLLOWING IS WHAT I LEARNED TODAY FROM MALIK ADDITIONAL TO THAT REPORTED REFTEL.

3. PRECEDING THE DEPARTURE MAY 1 OF SIX CABINET MINISTERS AND PARTY ABOARD FOKKER FRIENDSHIP FOR WEEK'S TRIP TO WEST IRIAN, GOI SENT C-130 LOADED WITH SUCH ITEMS AS CLOTHS, FLASHLIGHTS, OPBACCO, BEAD NECKLACES, TIN GOODS, AND SAGO FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONGST TRIBAL LEADERS OF WEST IRIAIBY MINISTERIAL PARTY.

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3. MINISTERIES WILL ALSO INVITE KEY IRIANESE LEADERS TO DJAKARTA, AND ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING PARTY, WILL GRANT AMNESTY FOR SIX LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN UNDER ARREST ON CHARGES OF REBELLION.

4. MALIK DID NOT SUCCEED IN GETTING CABINET TO APPROVE A REDUCTION IN MILITARY PRESENCE IN WEST IRIAN BUT MINISTERIAL PARTY WILL INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITIES FOR CIVIC ACTION.

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PROJECTS OF VISIBLE BENEFIT TO PEOPLE. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT SOME ABLE YOUNGER OFFICERS FROM FOREIGN AND INTERIOR MINISTERIES WOULD BE SENT SHORTLY TO WEST IRIAN TO UNDERTAKE PROGRAM OF IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN GOI AND TRIBAL LEADERS AND PEOPLES.

5. MALIK HAD SUGGESTED TO INTERIOR MINISTER BASUKI RACHMA THAT HE PROCEED NEXT MONTH TO UN TO CONFER WITH UN STAFF AND KEY DELEGATIONS. MALIK FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT INDONESIA PROVIDE ADVANCE BRIEFINGS AND EXPLANATIONS BEFORE ADVANCE PARTY UN TEAM ARRIVES IN WEST IRIAN EARLY AUGUST IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR "ACT OF FREE CHOICE". SUHARTO TURNED DOWN THIS PROPOSAL ON GROUNDS THAT JOB COULD BE DONE BY INDONESIA'S UN DELEGATE RUSLAN ABDULGANI.

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