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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE TIMOR
FOR HABIB WITH PRESIDENT'S PARTY FROM MILLER

1. BY NOW YOU WILL HAVE SEEN
REGARDING A DECISION BY SUBANG TO INITIATE A MAJOR
MILITARY INTERVENTION IN TIMOR BETWEEN DECEMBER 6-8, AND
TO FORESHADOW SUCH ACTION IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT DECEMBER 5
"TO DISSOCIATE INDONESIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION FROM
PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT".

2. IT CONTINUES TO BE OUR JUDGMENT THAT THE INDONESIANS
ARE UNLIKELY TO LAUNCH A MAJOR MILITARY INTERVENTION IN
TIMOR PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FROM JAKARTA.
HOWEVER, THEY COULD MAKE THE PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH,
IT SEEMS TO US, WOULD BE A SERIOUS EMBARRASSMENT FOR THE
PRESIDENT'S VISIT. WE FEEL, HOWEVER, WE MUST LEAVE TO
THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY ANY DECISION HOW AS TO WHETHER TO
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SEND AN URGENT MESSAGE TO THE INDONESIANS, PERHAPS TO BE DELIVERED AT NEWSON'S DISCRETION, REQUESTING THE INDONESIANS TO MAKE NO ANNOUNCEMENT AND TO TAKE NO MILITARY ACTION UNTIL WELL AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FROM JAKARTA. ROBINSON

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