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E.O. 11652: GDS TABS: MASS SUBJECT: GOI REQUEST FOR HELP IN TIMOR

- 1. DURING VISIT LT. GENERAL MOORE, CINCPAC CHIEF OF STAFF ON APRIL 26, MAJOR GENERAL YOGI SUPARDI, ASSISTANT FOR PLANMING, MANKAM, RAISED WITH HIM POSSIBILITY "SECRET" U.S. HELP TO INDONESIA IN TIMOR. GENERAL YOGI FOLLOWED THIS UP WITH APPROACH TO EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHE APRIL 28.
- 2. ELABORATING ON INDONESIAN FEARS OF UNPRIENDLY POWER IN TIMOR, GENERAL YOGI SUGGESTED FRETILIN NOW RECEIVING OUTSIDE SUPPORT, HE ESTIMATED FRETILIN STRENGTH TO BE AROUND 3,000 WITH ONLY 5,000 OF ESTIMATED 15,000 WEAPONS OF FAR CAPTURED BY INDONESIA, INDONESIA ALREADY END COUNTERING SERIOUS DRAIN ON RESOURCES, WITH SHORTAGES OF AMMONITION FOR SMALL ARMS, ARTILLERY, TANK AND NAVAL GUNS.
- 3. GENERAL YOGI THEN REQUESTED HELICOPTERS FOR LIFTING SUPPLIES TO TROOPS, AMMUNITION OF ALL CALIBERS AND IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. HE REQUESTED HELP OUTSIDE USUAL MAP PROCEDURES.
- 4. WE CANNOT BE SURE WHETHER THIS REPRESENTS GENERAL YOGI'S PERSONAL INITIATIVE OR INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIGHER ECHELON. I SUSPECT GENERAL MODRE'S VISIT MAY HAVE

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PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR HANKAM TO LAUNCH TRIAL BALLOON AND THAT GENERAL MOORE IN INITIAL CONVERSATION MAY NOT HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENTLY DISCOURAGING. I ADVISED GENERAL MOORE THAT SUCH HELP OUT OF GUESTION, I HAVE ADVISED ATTACHE MAKE NO RESPONSE AND ELECIT NO FURTHER CONVERSANTIONS THIS SUBJECT.

6. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED, I PLAN SEE GENERAL MURDANI, WHO IS EXPECTED BACK FROM TIMOR NEXT WEEKEND, ADVISE HIM OF THESE CONVERSATIONS, REMIND HIM OF CONTINUING SENSITIVITY TO ANY DIRECT INVOLVEMENT U.S. EQUIPMENT IN TIMOR, AND RECALL THAT EVEN SECRET HELP NEEDS TO BE REPORTED TO CONGRESS.



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