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SUBJECT: Propaganda Campaign re Portuguese Timor Continues; As Re Official Denials of GOI Plans for Military Takeover

REF: A. Jakarta 2283
    B. Jakarta 2390
    C. Surabaya 6149

SUMMARY: Official GOI news service Antara February 26 issued second installment in current series of articles on alleged communist takeover moves in Portuguese Timor. New installment states Governor and most Portuguese military officers in colony are communists, and describes alleged "hate Indonesia" campaign underway in colony designed to discredit Indonesia with local people and in region as a whole by spreading rumors of planned...
Indonesian aggression against Portuguese Timor. Leading daily Kompas apparently resuming giving play to this obvious GOI-authored propaganda. Simultaneously regional military commander for Java and Lesser Sunda denied he plans travel to area in immediate future. These reports illustrate mixed signals now emanating from GOI on Timor question. END SUMMARY.

1. Second installment of new series on Portuguese Timor issued by official news service ANOTRA February 26. Article describes intensification of alleged "hate Indonesia" campaign in Portuguese Timor and increased agitation to "totally impose communism" in colony. Hate campaign said to include spreading of "false image that Indonesia about to stage aggression" in attempt to "disgrace good image of Indonesia in region." Article predicts formation of new political front composed of communist armed forces figures and FRELHIS Party members, and says GOI in Lisbon fully supports this development as does PT Governor Lance Pires, who article alleges is Communist Party member.

2. Article repeats many of claims in previous installment (ref A) concerning leftist terror campaign against APOBIT (pro-Indonesia party) supporters. One additional example is given, case of Felisiano, a chief of Atabea...
4. Similarly, February 27 press also carries

"Amita" report front-paged February 27 by Every

Visit correspondent in Amman with "political wisdom"

Abbas to the refuted to be identified for "security" reasons.

3. A falsified version of this one on last page, with statements in

Reuter's same as sources of report elsewhere. With long

Andrew's case, references to "authoritative sources" in

dead. Since January, report states that 40,000

ancestry tribe are Arab/Western supporters, with long

Arabs, and their king of tribal was presented

Andrews case as source of report elsewhere by "stringing"
would travel to Timor himself shortly.

5. CEMER: Juxtaposition of Antara reports and official denials by Widodo and others (ref 3) illustrate mixed nature of signals currently emanating from Jakarta re GDI intentions vis-a-vis Portuguese Timor, as well as embarrassment of GDI over widespread reports of planned Indonesian takeover.