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1. General Situation as of 1800 November 12. Authority, determination and defiance displayed by President in his November 10 speech has caused concern among moderates that President will regain former power position and has aroused speculation as to what Army and political parties might do to head him off. Events of past two days have produced incomplete answers to these questions but indicate that some pessimism in relinquished control of Indonesian radio and showed no order. Army ~~has continued to take effective action to produce~~ signs of fighting for other info media. ~~and~~ Military leaders have generally adhered to firm line in but public statements/ we only permitted to guess as to private words Nasution had with Sukarno yesterday. Among political party leaders, previously vacillating NU Chairman advocated banning of PKI despite President's expressed distaste for such shoving, while PSII leader backed down from his party's attacks on First DepPriMin Subandrio. Although continuing to hit PKI, press has let up on Subandrio attacks which had cost some casualties. Anti-communist drive continues in provinces and destructive anti-Chinese riot occurred in Makassar.

2. Moderates' Concern. Several Embassy sources who had previously displayed optimism over Army's chances of boxing in Sukarno state that there now widespread concern that Sukarno's display of authority and determination in November 10 speech

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presages renaissance of Presidential power. (Embtels 1406 and 1408 are representative of several views we have received.)

3. Palace Optimism. In conversation with DCM, DepFonMin Ganis Harsono stated Sukarno well on way to reestablishing his hold, that Subandrio will stay on~~M~~ and that Palace will dictate direction of Revolution while Army concentrated on difficult but menial tasks of restoring security and economy. Harsono indicated Army leaders had manufactured evidence against Subandrio and others and that President would investigate and determine invalidity of these charges.

COMMENT: Harsono's confidence undoubtedly forced to some extent to impress us.

4. Army Stance.

A. Nasution spent hour and half with President yesterday in their second meeting since September 30 ~~aff~~ affair. Embassy has as yet no information on this crucial conversation other than Nasution's own terse and tantalizing answers to press queries. Nasution stated that he had reported to President on state of his health and had noted he now working as usual. (Nasution's health was excuse given for his absence from cabinet meetings.) Nasution added that "his work" also discussed but declared he could say nothing further on that subject. Nasution said he wished to make

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clear that President and Armed Forces were united in accomplish-  
ing their tasks. Asked whether he had brought up Army's five  
recommendations to President (Sitrep 36), Nasution replied that  
he could not "go so far as to discuss this question." Some  
newspapers also reported that Nasution asked reporters to see  
Subandrio when queried on purge of intelligence bodies. Others  
stated question applied to purge of security organs and Nasution  
referred reporters to General Suharto.

B. Djakarta Commander General Ular announced that his  
orders issued as War Administrator would remain in effect until  
rescinded despite lifting of martial law. COMMENT: Ular did not  
mention what authority could rescind these orders, but his  
instructions concerning press have already been bypassed by  
MinInfo Achmadi.

C. Supervision of Radio Indonesia transferred today  
from Army caretaker to new civilian chief appointed by MinInfo  
Achmadi. Speaking at transfer ceremony Army Information Chief  
General Ibnu Subroto noted Army was responsible for radio broad-  
casts under General Suharto's October 1 order/<sup>but</sup> that this situation  
was not intended to decrease authority of Achmadi. COMMENT:  
Transfer indicates Achmadi's authority has in fact been increased  
in accordance with President's wish to return information media

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to Palace control.

5. Political Party Reaction.

A. NU General Chairman Idham Chalid, who old Sukarno sycophant and whose determination to stand up to President had been questioned by his cadres, finally gave forth with anti-PKI statement. Chalid said Indonesians must reject myths that Revolution without PKI would be rightist, that people could not be mobilized without help of PKI and that production would drop without PKI unions and peasant affiliates. (Although these remarks published in today's newspapers, they may have been made before President's November 10 speech.) NU Third Chairman Sjaichu made post-November 10 statement warning that as long as PKI allowed to exist more rebellions would occur.

B. PSII Chairman Arudji Kartawinata issued statement denying that he had written President not to send Subandrio to Algiers Conference and somewhat circuitously disclaiming responsibility for his party's attacks on Subandrio. Statement which has as yet appeared only in FonDept controlled English language Indonesian ~~MAXXI~~ Herald was apparently signed on Subandrio's request.

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## 6. Press Attitude.

A. One of two banned PSII dailies reappeared today with quotations from the Koran in columns previously devoted to anti-Subandrio copy. If Api, which we understand will publish Saturday as weekly, has been similarly chastened, Subandrio has bested his most outspoken opponents.

B. One notable spark of defiance to Blace, however, appeared in editorial of Moslem daily Duta Revolusi, which in polite but challenging tones asked President to name and punish recipient of alleged foreign bribe of 150 million rupiah (Sitrep 50 ). Noting that spy who used signed receipt was either green or stupid, editorial said that if charges false, person who made them should be punished. COMMENT: Duta Revolusi probably making most of last days left it by new press regulations.

C. In rapid response to President's warning (Sitrep 50 ), Indonesian Journalists Association issued instructions to all newspapers to eschew editorials, corner columns, and caricatures, which arouse emotions. While disclaiming intention to dampen press' ardor in assisting Armed Forces, instruction asked journalists to aim pens at Nekolim.

## 7. Security Situation.

A. South Sulawesi. Sulawesi Protestant leader arriving

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Djakarta today reported 90% of Chinese shops in Makassar raided and contents destroyed during November 10 riot which reportedly involved virtually entire population. Riot apparently carefully managed to exclude looting and was in response both to discovery of PKI arms cache and to Chinese merchants' failure to lower prices. Crowds were reportedly prevented by military from entering Chicom Consulate.

B. Southeast Sulawesi. Indonesian Protestant leader also reported extensive anti-PKI violence in Buginese area of Sulawesi. Moslems in Bone reportedly broke into detention camp and killed 200 PKI prisoners.

C. Central Java. Band of 50 communists killed five civilians in Kudus area of Central Java on November 7, according Army release. American journalist just returned from Central Java states Army seems have situation well in hand although PKI has potential capability of greater sabotage and terrorist activity than so far experienced. Army claims that villagers on Merapi slopes now volunteering intelligence. Military spokesmen continue report that Aidit holed up in Merapi area with Djakarta PKI chief Njono (who previously reported under arrest here), September 30 Movement leader Colonel Suherman and several other military officers. Embassy has received conflicting story

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that Aidit imprisoned in Bandung and that Army reports to contrary simply designed hide his arrest (Embtel 1408). Army announced that Central Java Deputy Governor placed under house arrest for alleged complicity in September 30 Movement.

D. East Java. Western correspondent has received report which we unable confirm that Indonesian warships sent to investigate report of Bloc vessels cruising off Patjitan.

E. Djakarta. Djakarta police claim to have ~~XXXXXX~~ arrested total of 872 persons implicated in September 30 Movement. Joint Army-Civil Defense-youth operation in Tangerang area near Djakarta nabbed 346 PKI elements, according press report.

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