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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY DCM MICHAEL OWENS, REASONS 1.5

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(B) AND (D).

2. (SBU) SUMMARY: THE STREETS OF DILI ARE REPORTEDLY DESERTED IN THE FIRST HOURS AFTER UNSYG ANAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT 78.5 PERCENT OF EAST TIMORESE REJECTED INDONESIA'S AUTONOMY PROPOSAL IN THE AUGUST 30 REFERENDUM. OVER 1000 STRATEGIC FORCES TROOPS WHO ARRIVED OVERNIGHT ARE SETTING UP CORDONS AND CHECK POINTS IN SOME PARTS OF THE CITY. MORE UNREST AFFLICTED SECTIONS OF DILI AND OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY OVERNIGHT. IN A SEPTEMBER 3 STATEMENT, DEFENSE MINISTER AND ARMED FORCES CHIEF WIRANTO ASSERTED THAT THE CONSULTATION RESULT MUST BE RESPECTED. BY CONTRAST, JOSE SOARES, THE GOVERNOR OF EAST TIMOR, ALSO ON SEPTEMBER 3, REITERATED ALLEGATIONS OF BALLOT FRAUD AND STATED THAT HE AND OTHER PRO-INTEGRATION LEADERS WOULD REJECT THE RESULTS OF THE REFERENDUM, WHATEVER THE OUTCOME. A PROMINENT PRO-INTEGRATION MILITIA LEADER HAS VOWED TO PRESS FOR PARTITION.

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3. (C) SUMMARY CONTINUED: INDONESIA FORMIN ALATAS RULED OUT THE ENTRY OF PEACEKEEPERS BEFORE THE CONSULTATION RESULTS CAN BE RATIFIED BY THE PARLIAMENT IN JAKARTA. U.N. PERSONNEL HAVE EVACUATED MALIANA FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 2 MILITIA ATTACKS THAT LEFT AT LEAST THREE LOCAL UNAMET STAFF DEAD. INDONESIA MEDIA ARE INTERPRETING AUSTRALIAN PM HOWARD'S SEPTEMBER 3 STATEMENT ON EAST TIMOR AS HARSHLY CRITICAL. 300 PRO-INTEGRATION SUPPORTERS DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF THE U.N. OFFICE BUILDING IN JAKARTA ON SEPTEMBER 3.

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END SUMMARY.

DILI IN THE FIRST HOURS

4. (SBU) EMBOFFS IN DILI REPORT THE STREETS ARE DESERTED IN THE FIRST HOURS AFTER UNSYG KOFI ANAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT 78.5 PERCENT TIMORESE REJECTED INDONESIA'S AUTONOMY PROPOSAL IN THE AUGUST 30 REFERENDUM. ANAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT WAS READ SIMULTANEOUSLY BY UNAMET CHIEF IAN MARTIN IN DILI AT APPROXIMATELY 0905 LOCAL TIME, SEPTEMBER 4. EMBOFFS ON

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THE GROUND REPORT THAT AT LEAST 1000 STRATEGIC FORCES (KOSTRAD) TROOPS WHO ARRIVED IN DILI OVERNIGHT ARE ALREADY OUT IN THE CITY, SETTING UP BARBED WIRE CORDONS AND CHECKPOINTS, AROUND THE MAHKOTA HOTEL, HOME TO MANY FOREIGNERS, IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY. MANY OTHER PARTS OF DILI ARE REPORTEDLY EMPTY OF BOTH SECURITY PERSONNEL AND MILITIAS. EMOFFS UNDERSTAND THAT MORE  
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UNREST HIT SECTIONS OF DILI AND OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY OVERNIGHT BUT WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE DETAILS AS OF MID-MORNING SEPTEMBER 4.

WIRANTO TO SUPPORT, GOVERNOR VOWS OPPOSITION  
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5. (SBU) IN A SEPTEMBER 3 STATEMENT TO JOURNALISTS, DEFENSE MINISTER AND ARMED FORCES COMMANDER WIRANTO REAFFIRMED HIS COMMITMENT TO RESPECT THE RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 30 BALLOT, STATING "THE RESULTS MUST BE ACCEPTED AS THE BEST OPTION." BY CONTRAST, EAST TIMOR GOVERNOR JOSE ABILIO SOARES, HIMSELF APPOINTED BY JAKARTA, REITERATED ALLEGATIONS THAT THE BALLOT HAD BEEN TAINTED BY FRAUD ON THE PART OF UNAMET STAFF AND VOWED THAT HE AND OTHER PRO-INTEGRATION LEADERS WOULD REJECT THE OUTCOME OF THE BALLOT "WHATEVER THE RESULT IS."

MILITIA LEADER DEPARTS EAST TIMOR  
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6. (SBU) PRO-INTEGRATION FIGURE EURICO GUTERRES, COMMANDER OF THE VIOLENT AITARAK MILITIA WAS SPOTTED AT DILI AIRPORT EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 4 DEPARTING FOR JAKARTA OR POSSIBLY BALI, STATING HIS INTENTION TO RETURN. HE

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TOLD CNN THAT HE WOULD PRESS FOR PARTITION OF THE  
TERRITORY INTO INDEPENDENT AND AUTONOMOUS INDONESIAN  
SECTIONS.

ALATAS STATEMENT ON PEACEKEEPERS  
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7. (SBU) AT A PRESS CONFERENCE LATE ON SEPTEMBER 3,  
 INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ALATAS STATED THAT  
 INDONESIAN POLICE AND MILITARY WOULD CONTINUE TO  
 MAINTAIN PRIMARY SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES AND THAT HE  
 DID NOT ENVISION U.N. PEACEKEEPERS TAKING OVER THIS  
 ROLE, PRIOR TO "PHASE III" FOLLOWING THE MPR'S  
 RATIFICATION OF THE CONSULTATION RESULT. HE FURTHER  
 REJECTED THE IDEA OF UNILATERAL DEPLOYMENT TO EAST  
 TIMOR OF AMERICAN PEACEKEEPING TROOPS AND STATED THAT

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IF THE U.S. "DARES" TO INTRODUCE PEACEKEEPERS THE SECURITY SITUATION WOULD DETERIORATE.

VIOLENCE IN MALIANA  
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8. INDONESIA MEDIA REPORTS STATE THAT UNAMET EVACUATED ALL 40 INTERNATIONAL AND 14 LOCAL UNAMET STAFF

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 PERSONNEL FROM MALIANA IN A POLICE-ESCORTED CONVOY ON SEPTEMBER 3 FOLLOWING MILITIA ATTACKS ON THE U.N. OFFICE IN THE TOWN ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 2-3 IN WHICH AT LEAST THREE LOCAL UNAMET STAFF WERE KILLED AND FIVE REMAIN MISSING. ACCORDING TO JAKARTA PRESS, AFP IS REPORTING THAT THE THREE KILLINGS OF LOCAL UNAMET PERSONNEL WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE "DADALUS MERAH PUTIH" PRO-JAKARTA MILITIA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A LARGE CONTINGENT OF THE POLICE'S MOBILE BRIGADE (BRIMOB) DEPARTED THE CITY AT THE SAME TIME AS THE UNAMET CONVOY, LEAVING BEHIND A SMALLER GROUP OF POLICE WHO REMAINED IN GARRISON. MORE BURNING OF HOMES AND OTHER VIOLENCE REPORTEDLY CONTINUED IN MALIANA ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 3.

HOWARD STATEMENT  
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9. (SBU) INDONESIA MEDIA TOOK NOTE OF AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER HOWARD'S SEPTEMBER 3 STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT IN CANBERRA, IN WHICH HOWARD, AMONG OTHER POINTS, CALLED THE FAILURE OF INDONESIA POLICE TO MAINTAIN ORDER "UNACCEPTABLE," AND REPORTEDLY STATED "THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES TO ACTS OF TERRORISM." INDONESIA PAPERS ARE INTERPRETING THE STATEMENT AS HARSHLY CRITICAL. HEADLINES SUMMARIZE HOWARD'S COMMENT AS A "WARNING" OR A "THREAT."

ANTI-U.N. DEMONSTRATIONS IN JAKARTA  
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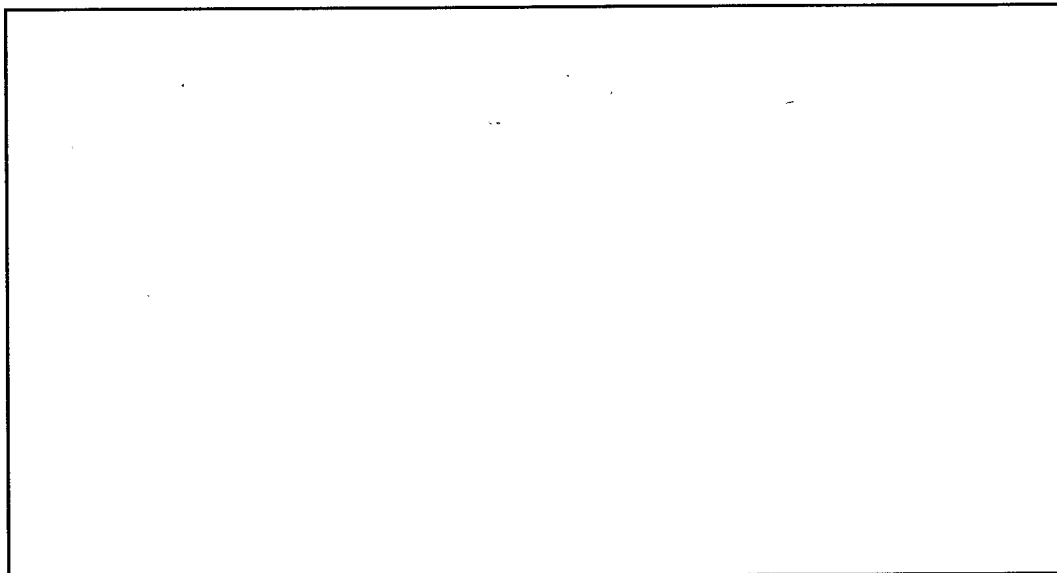
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 10. (SBU) FOUR PRO-INTEGRATION GROUPS STAGED A JOINT DEMONSTRATION AT THE U.N. OFFICE BUILDING IN JAKARTA ON SEPTEMBER 3 IN WHICH 300 DEMONSTRATORS DECLARED UNAMET

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PERSONNEL TO BE "WAR CRIMINALS" AND CARRIED PLACARDS  
ALONG THE LINES OF "UNAMET GO TO HELL." THE  
DEMONSTRATIONS BACKED UP TRAFFIC IN CENTRAL JAKARTA AND  
CAUSED THE U.N. TO CLOSE ITS OFFICE TEMPORARILY.



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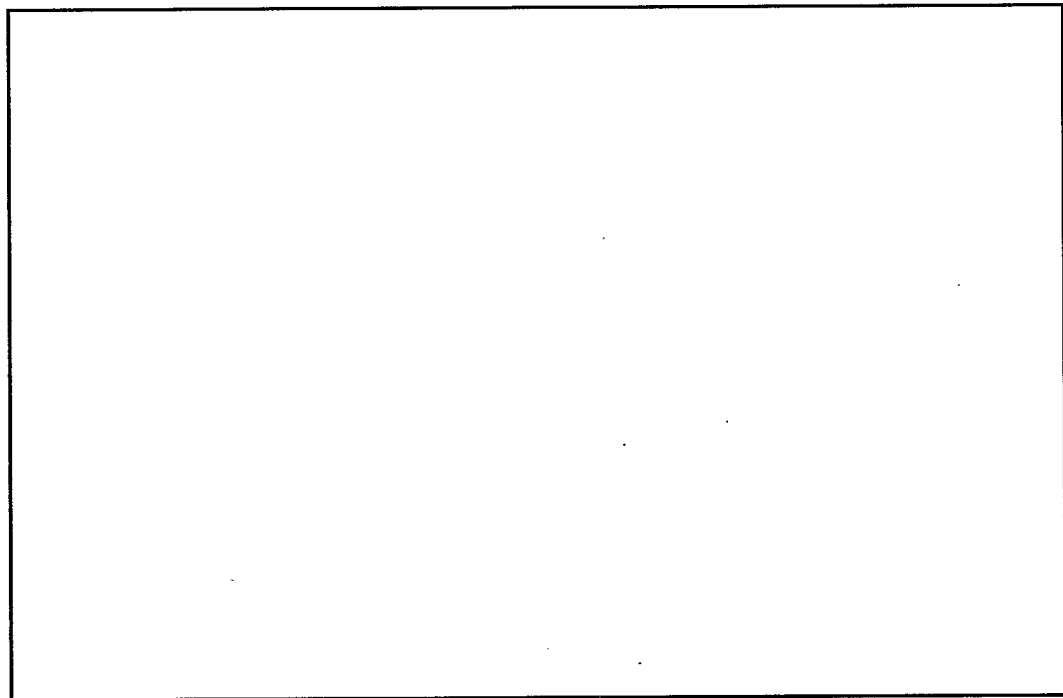
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