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CONFRONTATION

TUNKU CALLED IN BRIT, AUSTRALIAN, NZ AND CDN HIGH COMMISSIONERS LAST EVENING TO UNFOLD WHAT HE HIMSELF ADMITS IS A FANTASTIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH HE CANNOT RPT NOT DISREGARD. MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR IN BANGKOK HAS REPORTED CONVERSATION WITH INDONESIAN AMB (A SUMATRAN AND KNOWN TO BE ANTI-PKI) WHO SAID THAT INDONESIAN ARMY HAD DECIDED TIME HAD COME FOR DRASTIC ACTION TO SAVE COUNTRY FROM COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER. ARMY LEADERS WERE PLOTTING TO GET SOEKARNO OUT OF COUNTRY AND TO HOLD HIM QUOTE IF NECESSARY AT PISTOL POINT UNQUOTE WHILE ARMY SUPPRESSED COMMUNISTS AND ESTABLISHED PRO-WESTERN GOVT. BANGKOK WAS LIKLIEST SPOT ALTHOUGH MANILA WAS ALSO A POSSIBILITY AS IT WAS INTIMATED MACAPAGAL WAS IN ON PLOT. PROPOSED ROLE FOR TUNKU WAS TO SERVE AS LURE FOR SOEKARNO.

2. TUNKU SAID RECENT CHANGES IN INDONESIAN PUBLIC PROJOUNCEMENTS SUGGESTED STORY MUST BE GIVEN SOME WEIGHT. HE SPECULATED THAT SOEKARNO HIMSELF MAY BE IN ON ALLEGED CONSPIRACY AS A DEVICE TO EXTRICATE HIMSELF FROM HIS IMPOSSIBLE POSITION VIS A VIS PKI. TUNKU SAID HE EXPECTED VISIT FROM QUOTE HIGHLY PLACED INDONESIAN UNQUOTE IN NEXT DAY OR TWO AND UNDERTOOK TO KEEP US INFORMED IF HE WAS AT LIBERTY TO DIVULGE RESULTS. TUNKU OBVIOUSLY NOT RPT NOT CONVINCED OF BONA FIDES OF STORY, BUT HE REITERATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO MEET SOEKARNO ANYWHERE, AT ANY TIME, IF THERE WAS THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE OF A GENUINE ATTEMPT TO END CONFRONTATION. TO DO SO HE

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WAS PREPARED TO MISS THE FORTHCOMING PMS CONFERENCE AND THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE.

3. IN LIVELY DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THESE DISCLOSURES, TUNKU SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY THAT USA IS BEHIND ALLEGED CONSPIRACY. HIGH COMMISSIONERS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TUNKU WOULD DELAY MTG SUKARNO UNTIL AFTER LDN AND ALGIERS MTGS. A QUICK CHECK TODAY INDICATES THOSE ATTENDING LAST NIGHTS SESSION ARE IN VARYING DEGREES SUSPICIOUS THAT THIS IS A PLOY TO KEEP TUNKU AWAY FROM THESE MTGS.

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