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Subroto who may be regarded as the mouthpiece of Soeharto insisted on the "gentlemanly" nature of the current proceedings - no murders but constitutional action, Soekarno's personal safety guaranteed, bad men to be legally tried. He indicated that it would greatly help the Generals if this view could be taken abroad, rather than a renewed impression of lawless violence.

2. It will be in our interest to take this line and I strongly recommend it. Note, however, that this is different from welcoming the Generals as the probable enders of confrontation, or their success as a victory for us.

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