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July 10, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE VICE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

JOHN O. MARSH

FROM:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT:

Proposed Call on You by the Indonesian Vice President, and Draft Letter from You to

Him

The Indonesian Vice President, His Highness the Sultan of Jogjakarta, arrived in Boston on July 2 for medical treatment at Massachusetts General Hospital following up eye surgery which he underwent there last summer.

The Indonesian Embassy has requested an appointment for the Sultan to pay a courtesy call on you. The Sultan would be willing to come to Washington anytime during the period July 10-15.

If convenient, I believe it would be appropriate for you to receive the Indonesian Vice President. He enjoys great prestige in Indonesia and has the full confidence of President Suharto. This is in part due to the fact that he is one of the few hereditary aristocrats who supported the independence movement in Indonesia against Dutch colonial rule. Your receiving him would reaffirm the high importance we attach to Indonesia. Also, in the light of the several cuts we have made in economic and military assistance to Indonesia, your seeing him would bolster the credibility of our support for the Suharto Government's economic development and internal stabilization program. Talking points for the meeting would be provided.

Alternatively, you may wish to send a message of greetings to the Sultan; a draft letter is at Tab A.

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DRAFT LETTER

Dear Mr. Vice President:

Our Ambassador in Jakarta has advised me that you are now visiting Boston for further medical treatment. I would like to extend a very warm welcome on the occasion of your visit to this country and my best wishes for a successful outcome to your medical consultations.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Highness

Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono IX, Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT OF INDONESIA

Monday, July 15, 1974 4:15 p.m. (20 minutes) Old Executive Office Building

From: Brent Scowcroft

I. PUR POSE

Courtesy call by the Indonesian Vice President, and reaffirmation of U.S. support for Indonesia.

II. BACKGROUND AND PARTICIPANTS

A. <u>Background</u>: The Vice President has agreed to meet with the Vice President of Indonesia, the Sultan of Jogjakarta, on July 15, 1974, at 4:15 p.m. The Sultan has been in Boston in Massachusetts General Hospital for the past two weeks following up his successful eye surgery there last October.

The Sultan has President Suharto's full confidence. He is widely respected in Indonesia as one of the few traditional nobility who successfully made the transition to the republican era after World War II. Since becoming Vice President a year ago, he has been occupied primarily with relieving President Suharto of many of his ceremonial duties.

Although the meeting with the Vice President originally was requested as a courtesy call, the Indonesian Embassy subsequently has indicated that the Sultan wants to convey to the Vice President the views of President Suharto on several issues:

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--The need for continuing foreign economic assistance to Indonesia despite Indonesia's sharply increased revenues resulting from the recent oil price increases. The Suharto Government is concerned that these windfall revenues will cause the U.S. and other aid contributors to reduce rapidly their concessional economic assistance to Indonesia.

- --The Suharto Government hopes that the U.S. Exim Bank will agree to begin extending loans to compensate for declining U.S. concessional economic assistance. An Indonesian delegation is now in Washington to talk with the Bank, and Exim Bank President William E. Casey will visit Indonesia later this year.
- --Indonesia wants to acquire counter-insurgency aircraft (the OV-10, which we developed during the Vietnam War) to replace its aging P-51 fighters.
- --The Suharto Government charges that the Dutch last month were guilty of interference in Indonesia's internal affairs when a Dutch cabinet member, who is also ex officio chairman of the international aid consortium for Indonesia, suggested that consortium aid would be cut if the Suharto Government did not ease its authoritarian political controls.

The Sultan also plans to present the Vice President with a gift of Jogjakarta silver, probably a tea or coffee set.

The Vice President's full name is Sultan Hamengku Buwono IX (pronunciation: Ha-MENG-koo Boo-WOE-no). He should be addressed as Mr. Vice President or Your Highness.

A brief biographic sketch of the Sultan is attached.

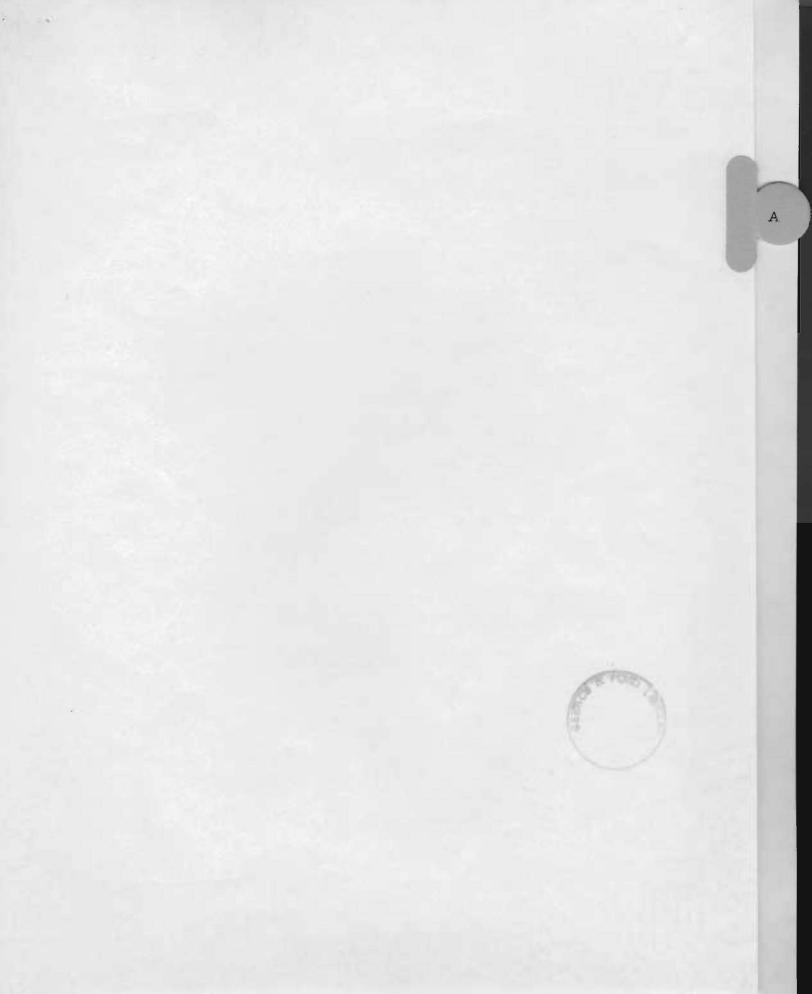
B. <u>Participants:</u> Charge of Indonesian Embassy, Mr. Abdul Habir (who will act as interpreter), Aide-de-Camp to the Vice President Lieutenant Colonel T. A. Soemantri (who does not intend to join the Sultan for his meeting with the Vice President).

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III. RECOMMENDED TALKING POINTS

We suggest that you not get into detail on any of the substantive matters, but reply in general terms as indicated below:

- --Express the hope that the Sultan's recovery from eye surgery last fall continues to go well.
- --Express the firm friendship of the American Government and people for Indonesia and for the Government of President Suharto.
- --Reiterate the Administration's admiration for Indonesia's increased stability and continuing economic development, and express our determination to continue our support for Indonesia's efforts in this direction to the maximum that our resources will permit.
- --The Administration may find it necessary, given Congressional pressures following on Indonesia's increased oil revenues, to make some adjustment in our assistance to Indonesia, but this should not be interpreted as a diminution of our basic support for Indonesia's development effort. We will continue to do all we can. Indonesia's interest in obtaining loans from Exim Bank will be considered in this framework.
- --(If he raises it) We will look into Indonesia's request for the counter-insurgency OV-10 aircraft. We hope to continue our military assistance to Indonesia as a part of our effort to support Indonesia's goal of improved stability.
- --(If he raises it) Indicate unfamiliarity with the full text of the Dutch cabinet minister's statement, but state that the U.S. position on aid to Indonesia will continue to be that indicated above.



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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. John Marsh

Assistant to the Vice President

for Defense and International Affairs

FROM:

Jeanne W. Da

SUBJECT:

Vice President's Reply to

Indonesian July 4 Message

The State Department has proposed the attached reply from the Vice President to the July 4 congratulatory message from the Indonesian Vice President. The NSC concurs.

Will you please phone your concurrence or comment to my office at 395-3440.

Attachment



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QUOTE: DEAR MR. VICE PRESIDENT: PRON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE CONGRATULATING US ON OUR ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE. GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE

2. FYI: FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM VICE PRESIDENT HAMENGKU BUWONO:

QUOTE: I WISH TO CONVEY MY HEARTFELT FELICITATIONS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY ON THIS PROPITIOUS OCCASION OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STAEFTES OF AMERICA.

I AM PLEASED TO EXPRESS MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY'S PERSONAL HEALTH. UNQUOTE

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The White House Washington

His Highness Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono IX Vice President Jakarta, Indonesia

Dear Mr. Vice President:

I wish to convey my sincere appreciation for our recent meeting. As I mentioned, I speak for the American people in once again thanking you for your kind message congratulating us on the anniversary of our independence. Your consideration and graciousness are deeply appreciated.

Mrs. Ford and I are most pleased and very touched by your thoughtful gift.

Please be assured that it will occupy a place of prominence in our home

and will serve as a reminder of our very enjoyable meeting.

Please accept my best wishes for Your Highness' health.

Gerald R. Ford Vice President of the United States



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July 31, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. JOHN MARSH

FROM:

Teanne W. Da

SUBJECT:

Appreciation for Vice President's

Meeting with Indonesian Vice President

The State Department has asked us to convey to the Vice President the appreciation of the Indonesian Vice President for the courtesies rendered him during his recent stay in the U.S., as well as the personal appreciation of Ambassador Newsom for the Vice President's courtesy in receiving the Indonesian Vice President on July 7.

The Ambassador's telegram is attached.

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Amb. Newsom's telegram

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