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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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May 17, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: THOMAS J. BARNES *JB*

SUBJECT: Military Equipment Deliveries to Indonesia

Thanks JB

At Secretary Kissinger's direction, State in January 1976 quietly stopped certifying to Defense the delivery of further military equipment to Indonesia. There was no formal suspension, and no publicity about the action. DOD cannot make deliveries without State certification.

Before leaving for Africa, the Secretary decided to renew certification of deliveries. Senators Humphrey and Case meanwhile wrote the State Department asking State to suspend further military aid to Indonesia until Assistant Secretary Habib could testify before the Humphrey Subcommittee on Foreign Assistance of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The issue, of course, was Indonesian use of U. S. arms and equipment in Timor. Habib therefore held up the renewal of certification until he could appear before the Subcommittee. He hopes to do so this week.

Jakarta 6442 of May 17 pointed out the urgent need for a decision on military training in the United States for Indonesian flag officers. Habib has prepared a Maw to Fish memorandum on the training program. He hopes to get the memorandum to Defense May 17. If the Defense lawyers accept it, the training will go ahead.

cc: Les Janka
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