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SUBJECT: WEST IRIAN

1. GOI IS BELATEDLY AND ALMOST DESPERATELY SEEKING TO DEVELOP

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PRECEDING THE DEPARTURE MAY 1 OF SIX CABINET MINISTERS AND PARTY ABOARD FOKKER FRIENDSHIP FOR WEEK'S TRIP TO WEST IRIAN, GOI SENT C-130 LOADED WITH SUCH ITEMS AS CLOTHRS, FLASHLIGHTS, OPBACCO, BEAD NECKLACES, TIN GOODS, AND SAGO FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONGST TRIBAL LEADERS OF WEST IRIAFBY MINISTERIAL PARTY.



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3° MINISTERIES WILL ALSO INVITE KEY IRIANESE LEADERS TO DJAKARTA; AND ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING PARTY, WILL GRANT AMNESTY FOR SIX LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN UNDER ARREST ON CHARGES OF REBELLION.

4. MALIK DID NOT SUCCEED IN GETTING CABINET TO APPROVE A REDUCTION IN MILITARY PRESENCE IN WEST IRIAN BUT MINISTERIAL PARTY WILL INVESTIGATE POSSIBIGNTIES FOR CIVIC ACTION

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PROJECTS OF VISIBLE BENEFIT TO PEOPLE. IT WAS ALSO AGREED
THAT SOME ABLE YOUNGER OFFICERS FROM FOREIGN AND INTERIOR
MINISTERIES WOULD BE SENT SHORTLY TO WEST IRIAN TO UNDERTAKE
PROGRAM OF IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN GOI AND TRIBAL LEADERS
AND PEOPLES.

MALIK HAD SUGGESTED TO INTERIOR MINISTER BASUKI RACHMANTHAT HE PROCEED NEXT MONTH TO UN TO CONFER WITH UN STAFF AND KEY DELEGATIONS. MALIK FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT INDONESA PROVIDE ADVANCE BRIEFINGS AND EXPLANATIONS BEFORE ADVANCE PARTY UN TEAM ARRIVES IN WEST IRIAN EARLY AUGUST IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR "ACT OF FREE CHOICE". SUHARTO TURNED DOWN THIS PROPOSAL ON GROUNDS THAT JOB COULD BE DONE BY INDONESIA'S UN DELEGATE RUSLAN ABDULGANI.

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