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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Hall,

The White House has asked me to respond to your letter of April 26 to the President in which you and 130 of your colleagues expressed concern about conditions in East Timor.

During the President's visit to Portugal, East Timor was one of a large number of matters that arose in the course of meetings connected with the visit. As you note in your letter, the Government of Portugal is concerned about the situation in East Timor. The governments of Portugal and Indonesia are engaged in private discussions under the auspices of the UN Secretary General's office. We believe that such contacts between the parties directly involved in the matter is the most appropriate course, and our discussion of the issue in Lisbon reflected that view.

In connection with the concern expressed about the situation in East Timor, it is Department of State's judgment that conditions there continue to improve steadily. Though prior to 1984 there were restrictions placed on the activities of the ICRC, over the last year, thanks to a reduction in strife in the province, the ICRC has resumed its usual activities, including nursing care on Atauro Island, where a number of government detainees remain, and protection visits to prisons.

Since 1976 each American administration has accepted Indonesia's incorporation of East Timor as a fait accompliwithout maintaining that an act of self-determination has taken place. The United States Government has consistently advocated increased access to East Timor by representatives of international, humanitarian, and economic development organizations, foreign diplomatic missions in Indonesia and the press. A number of diplomats and journalists have been to East Timor in recent months, including foreign journalists from AP and Reuters news services and a correspondent from the Asian Wall Street Journal. Recent visits have been made by diplomats from the Embassies of France, Nigeria, Japan, Venezuela, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand and the United States.

The Honorable
Tony P. Hall,
House of Representatives.

Our Embassy in Jakarta monitors the situation closely and has done so since 1976. Embassy officers travel to East Timor several times a year. The Department's desk officer for Indonesia visited the province for the second time late in 1984. None of these visitors to East Timor have come back with descriptions of suffering on the part of the people of that province. On the contrary, the universal impression has been that the Government of Indonesia has made a substantial investment in economic development in East Timor, with demonstrable progress in the erection of schools, roads, hospitals, and public buildings.

The Department has also noted that at the February-March 1985 meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the Commission voted not to undertake further consideration of the East Timor question. In the same vein, the United Nations General Assembly voted again to defer consideration rather than debate the question of East Timor.

A recent letter attributed to the Apostolic Administrator in East Timor argued that a human rights emergency exists in that province. This letter received prominent press attention in Portugal as well as in the Washington Post. Our Embassy has received reliable information that the letter is a fabrication.

I hope this information will be helpful to you in your future deliberations. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Assistant Secretary

Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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MAY 15, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE ATTN: WILL BALL

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT THE "CONTINUING HUMAN

TRAGEDY IN EAST TIMOR." ADD THAT, ALTHOUGH EAST TIMOR IS OCCUPIED BY INDONESIA, PORTUGAL

CONSIDERS ITSELF TO BE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE TERRITORY. STATE THAT THE MOST IMMEDIATE ISSUE IS THE MATTER OF ACCESS TO THE TERRITORY BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS AND URGE YOU TO

JOIN WITH PORTUGAL IN CALLING FOR ACCESS BY

THE RED CROSS.

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Chris:

Thank you for your April 26 letter to the President, cosigned by 130 of your colleagues, regarding President Reagan's visit to Portugal.

We appreciated receiving your recommendations with respect to issues to be covered in discussions with Portuguese officials. Please know that your concerns relating to East Timor were directed to the President's foreign policy advisers. I have asked that they provide you with a more detailed response regarding the President's trip to Portugal after President Reagan returns to the United States.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr. Assistant to the President

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

April 26, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are deeply concerned about the continuing human tragedy in East Timor, the predominantly Roman Catholic former Portuguese colony invaded by Indonesia in 1975. Since then, more than 100,000 East Timorese have perished from the combined effects of the Indonesian occupation.

We respectfully urge you to discuss issues relating to East Timor with the Portuguese government during your visit to Portugal in May. Although East Timor is occupied by Indonesia, Portugal still considers itself to be the administrative authority of the territory under international law. The plight of the Timorese people is a matter of ongoing concern to Portugal, both for historical and contemporary reasons. Today there is a community of East Timorese clergy and refugees in Portugal, many of whom were direct witnesses to the recent grim events in their homeland.

Portugal continues to pursue diplomatic initiatives regarding East Timor. At the U.N. Human Rights Commission session in Geneva on February 20, 1985, the head of the Portuguese delegation noted that there are "violations of human rights in East Timor that cannot leave my country or the international community indifferent." We hope you will express to the leaders of Portugal your willingness to work with them on proposals to bring an end to the human suffering in East Timor and to bring an authentic peace to East Timor. An indication of your interest could contribute significantly to efforts to prevent further bloodshed and misery in East Timor.

Last July, Pope John Paul II, in an unusual admonition to the new Indonesian Ambassador to the Holy See, raised the issues of continuing human rights violations and lack of international humanitarian access to East Timor. The Pope also called attention to the religious, ethnic, and cultural rights of the people of the territory. The Pope's concern, as well as that raised by Secretary of State Shultz during his visit to Indonesia last year, have helped to focus world attention on the situation in East Timor. But it is clear that further expressions of concern are needed.

The most immediate international issue relating to East Timor is the matter of access to the territory by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Since August, 1983, when Indonesia launched a military

offensive aimed at crushing resistance to its rule, the ICRC has been prevented from providing food and medical assistance to the territory. ICRC activities are currently limited to prison visitations and family reunifications. Earlier this year, ICRC President Alexandre Hay deplored the difficulties presented by the Indonesian authorities for ICRC activities in East Timor.

The Portuguese government also criticized the lack of ICRC access to East Timor, and at the U.N. Human Rights Commission called attention to the ICRC's "absence of freedom of action necessary to carry out the assistance" to the Timorese population. We believe your visit to Portugal provides an excellent opportunity for the United States to join with Portugal in calling for access by the Red Cross to East Timor.

We fully realize the importance of close and friendly relations with Indonesia. We also are aware that there will be many other issues on your agenda when you travel to Portugal. However, we respectfully ask you to add the suffering of the people of East Timor to your agenda. You have a special opportunity during your visit to bring to bear on the Timor tragedy the prestige and moral influence of the United States.

Sincerely, John Edward Porter, Lantos Claude Peppe Tony Coelho, J. Nowak, M. C.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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July 23, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Ambassador to the United States from the

Republic of Indonesia (U)

(S/S-8521291)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Lieutenant General Soesilo Soedarman as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of Indonesia. (2)

William F. Martin Executive Secretary

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

CONFIDENTIAL WITH SECRET ATTACHMENT

July 22, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

SIGNED

FROM:

RICHARD CHILDRESS

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Lt. Gen. Soesilo Soedarman of Indonesia as Ambassador to the United States

At Tab II, State has requested that the President agree to the appointment of the new Indonesian Ambassador to the United States. A review of his bio indicates that he would make a successful Ambassador.

Gaston sigur concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the appointment by authorizing Bill Martin to sign and forward the Agrement at Tab I to State.

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Disapprove ____

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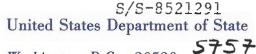
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Tab II State Memorandum dated 7/19/85 with Attachments (SECRET)

cc: Gaston Sigur

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Washington, D.C. 20520

July 19, 1985



MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Appointment of Lieutenant General SOESILO Soedarman

of the Republic of Indonesia as Ambassador to the

United States

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Lieutenant General Soesilo Soedarman as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Indonesia to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of General Soesilo is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that General Soesilo will make a successful Ambassador to the United States and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of the Republic of Indonesia.

micholas Platt Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- 1. Biography
- 2. Diplomatic Note





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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA Washington, D. C. 20036

July 10, 1985

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Indonesia has selected Lieutenant General Soesilo Soedarman for appointment as the next Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to the United States of America.

I would be grateful if you could inform us whether his appointment would be agreeable to the Government of the United States of America.

General Soedarman's curriculum vitae is enclosed.

 $\label{eq:please accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of $$\operatorname{my highest consideration}$$

A. Hasnan Habib

Ambassador

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

The Department of State,

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January 30, 1986

Dear Mrs. Holdridge:

I truly valued receiving your thoughtful letter and the special remembrances which you sent for me. It is so rewarding to be involved in the battle against drug and alcohol abuse — particularly among young people. I'm grateful for your kindness in sharing with me your personal involvement in the activities of Indonesian women concerning drug abuse and related social issues.

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of the training manual published by the national women's council KOWANI, and the "Hariibu 1985" shirt, used in their program. These are wonderful reminders of the special work being done by Mrs. Soeharto, Mrs. Murpratomo, and other dedicated women in preventing drug abuse from becoming a major problem in their society. I'm deeply appreciative of all their efforts.

The President joins me in sending you, the Ambassador, and everyone who joined in this gesture, our warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

NANCY REAGAN

Mrs. John Holdridge American Embassy Jakarta

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January 24, 1986

Dear Wartha MRS. HOLD RIDGE:

I truly valued receiving your thoughtful letter and the special remembrances which you sent for me. It is so rewarding to be involved in the battle against drug and alcohol abuse -- particularly among young people. I'm grateful for your kindness in sharing with me your personal involvement in the activities of Indonesian women concerning drug abuse and related social issues.

It's most enlightening to learn that many of Indonesia's social services are conveyed through a new twork of women's organizations.

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The President joins me in sending you, the Ambassador, and everyone who joined in this gesture, our warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John Holdridge American Embassy Jakarta

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The book titled 'Penyalahgunaan narkotika, psikotropika, alkohol serta bahan psikoaktif lainnya' (= Misuse of drugs, alcohol and other psycho-active substances) was published by the Department of Information of Indonesia in 1985 and was first distributed during the conference held by KOWANI, an umbrella organization of Indonesian women's organizations.

The book is meant to inform the Indonesian people, especially the young generation, of the danger posed by drug- and alcohol-abuse and the challenge confronting both the government and people of Indonesia in combating drugs and alcohol.

The book starts out with the causes: rapid changes in society, problems with parents, teachers and society, the rapid increase of population and the resulting lack of jobs, lack of political education and motivation in the young.

The government is trying to fight drug- and alcohol abuse through the following programs: youth-programs in youth-centers; educational, religious, political education programs; self-help and leadership-programs for the young; sports and cultural programs; efforts to enlist the young to participate in the development of the country a.o. through participation in transmigration, reforestation, and other environmental work-programs.

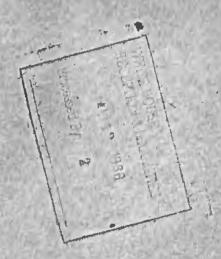
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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : JAKARTA, INDONESIA

January 3, 1986

Mrs. Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Reagan:

During John's three years as Ambassador to Indonesia, I have had the privilege of being able to observe some of the activities of Indonesian women-activities which benefit greatly their families, their communities and their country. These activities include literacy training, family planning encouragement and facilitation (no abortion), children's health and nutrition programs, community environment programs, and skills training for women of all ages to enable them to augment their income. Nearly all Indonesian women are involved in varying degrees in women's organizations or movements which organize these programs. Government delivers many of its social services through these vital women's organizations.

Recently when making my farewell calls, I learned that KOWANI, the national women's council, has just published a training book for community leaders—especially women—to give them information about the dangers of drug addiction and to recommend community programs aimed at awareness and prevention. As of now drug addiction is not a major problem in Indonesia. Under the leadership of Mrs. Soeharto, wife of the President, Indonesians are developing programs which are aimed at preventing it becoming a major problem.

I told Mrs. Soeharto and the president of KOWANI, Mrs. Murpratomo, that I thought you would be interested to know about the recently augmented activity by the very vigorous and effective Indonesian women's organizations in the field of drug abuse prevention. With their concurrence I am herewith sending you their new training book and a tee shirt which will be used in their programs.

Indonesian and other Asian women are much encouraged by your courageous and enlightened leadership in this field.

Yours sincerely,

Martha Holdridge

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THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 25, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. APYEH NEIER

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INDONESIA" PUBLISHED BY THE ASIA WATCH

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for. Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary







Washington, D.C. 20520

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Mr. Aryeh Neier Vice Chairman Asia Watch Committee 739 Eighth St. S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. Neier:

I have been asked to respond to your letter to President Reagan regarding the human rights situation in Indonesia. I regret the delay in my response. It was due to a number of activities that grew out of the President's visit to East Asia.

In preparing for the President's visit to Indonesia, the Department of State carefully considered concerns expressed by you and others about the human rights situation in Indonesia. In the past, the U.S. Government has raised allegations of human rights problems with the Indonesian Government on many occasions, and we will continue to do so in the future.

Secretary Shultz discussed the issue of alleged human rights violations in East Timor with Indonesian Foreign Minister Mochtar during their recent meetings in Bali and the Embassy will continue to maintain a dialogue with the Indonesians on this important subject.

I hope this information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Wilson

Director for Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei and

Singapore Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

MAY 23, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE ATTN: HUMAN RIGHTS

ACTION REQUESTED:

APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 391085

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 23, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. ARYEH NEIER

VICE-CHAIRMAN ASIA WATCH

739 EIGHTH STREET, S.E. WASHINGTON DC 20003

SUBJECT: ENCLOSES A COPY OF "HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS IN

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739 Eighth Street SE, Washington DC 20003 (202) 546-9336

April 23, 1986

ADRIAN DEWIND
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The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of Human Rights Concerns in Indonesia, a preliminary report published by the Asia Watch Committee. We have published the report at this time because we believe your visit to Indonesia is an important occasion to focus attention on the human rights situation there. Large segments of Indonesian society are alarmed at what they see as increased government intolerance of dissent, and the Asia Watch report identifies credible reports of abuses in this and other areas.

We respectfully request that you raise at least some of these human rights issues in your discussions with President Soeharto and Indonesian officials. We believe that such an expression of concern would have an important impact and would be consistent with your determination to oppose absues of human rights wherever they occur.

Sincerely yours,

Aryeh Neier Vice-Chairman

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THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 392808

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 02, 1986

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JAMES R. JONES

SUBJECT: ON BEHALF OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL EXPRESSES
CONCERN OVER POLITICAL PRISONERS IN INDONESIA
PARTICULARLY RAKUT SEMBLRING AND REQUESTS
ATTENTION TO THE MATTER ON VISIT TO INDONESIA

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s/s 8617131 June 19, 1986

Date

For: Mr. Donald P. Gregg

Office of the Vice President

The White House

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Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State



Washington, D.C. 20520

JUN 17 1986

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have been asked to respond to your letter to the President regarding your concerns about the imprisonment of persons associated with the 1965-coup attempt in Indonesia, in particular an individual named Mr. Rakut Sembiring.

The Department of State was pleased with the release some years ago of thousands of detainees who were identified with the Communist Party of Indonesia (PKI) or implicated in the PKI-supported coup attempt of September 30, 1965.

It is our understanding that those who remain in Jail are considered directly responsible for that coup-attempt, during which six high ranking military officers were murdered. As the Government of Indonesia continues to feel very strongly about those events, the Department of State does not anticipate any significant change in their situation nor are we in a position to comment officially on the validity of the original subversion charges.

The Department has no information about the specific case of Rakut Sembiring, but we will ask our Embassy in Jakarta to inquire of the appropriate authorities about this person's situation.

There are active human rights groups in Indonesia that are aware of these cases and that pursue them accordingly. If you have constituents who wish to pursue this matter through an alternative avenue, the Department recommends that they write directly to an Indonesian private voluntary organization called HUMAIKA, which on occasion takes an interest in investigating cases such as this. The Embassy has provided the following address:

HUMAIKA
AL-Azhar Mosque
Jl. Sisingamangaraja,
Kabayoran Baru,
Jakarta Selatan
Republic of Indonesia

The Honorable
James Jones,
House of Representatives.

I hope the above information will be helpful to you. Sincerely,

James W. Dyer
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 29, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR:

CATHY THIBODEAU

Congressional Correspondence

Department of State

FROM:

KATHY RATTÉ JAFFKE JOY Director, Congressional

Correspondence

SUBJECT:

Indonesian Prisoners

In the attached letter, Congressman Jim Jones writes regarding Indonesian prisoners in connection with the 1965 coup attempt. I had thought we had language from State that would be suitable for this inquiry, however, Congressman Jones raises a question about a particular individual. Therefore, I would appreciate your assistance in coordinating a DIRECT response from State.

I apologize for the delay in transmitting this to you.

Thanks for your help.

JAMES R. JONES
FIRST DISTRICT, OKLAHOMA

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, **BC** 20515

April 28, 1986

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(202) 225-2211

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of Amnesty International, I am writing to express my concern about nearly 200 persons who are imprisoned in Indonesia in connection with the 1965 coup attempt. With your visit to Indonesia, you may have an opportunity in the near future to present the concerns about these prisoners.

This group of Indonesians were arrested on suspicion of subversion during the coup attempt. But it is not at all clear that they were given access to a fair trial with the right to counsel and to present witnesses in their defense.

Amnesty International is particularly concerned with one individual, Mr. Rakut Sembiring, who was arrested in 1965, charged in 1969, and sentenced to life imprisonment. They have been unable to learn his location and the state of his health.

I would very much appreciate your attention to this matter as you follow through with your visit to Indonesia.

Sincerely yours,

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Washington, D.C. 20520

Mr. Allan P. Bennison Geological Consultant Suite 401 Pratt Tower 125 West 15th Street Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Allan and DeLeo Bennison:

I have been asked to respond to your letter to President Reagan concerning a person named Rakut Sembiring.

The Department of State has no information about this case, but we will ask our Embassy in Jakarta to inquire of the appropriate authorities about this person's situation.

If you wish to pursue this matter through an alternative avenue as well, the Department recommends that you write directly to an Indonesian private voluntary organization called HUMAIKA, which on occasion takes an interest in investigating cases such as this. The Embassy has provided the following address:

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Jakarta Selatan
Republic of Indonesia

I hope the foregoing information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Robert Drexler

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

APRIL 23, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 15, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

MR. ALLAN P. BENNISON GEOLOGICAL CONSULTANT SUITE 401 PRATT TOWER 125 WEST 15TH STREET

TULSA OK 74119

SUBJECT: WANTS TO KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS AND CONDITION OF RAKUT SEMBIRING WHO WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE IN INDONESIA

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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Allan P. Bennison

GEOLOGICAL CONSULTANT
SUITE 401 PRATT TOWER
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TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74119

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April 15, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

410557

Dear Mr. President:

We understand you will soon be visiting Indonesia. We are sure you would like to see fair treatment for all Indonesians. We are concerned about the nearly 200 people who are still imprisoned as subversives more than 20 years after the 1965 coup attempt. They may have been denied a fair trial in that time of crisis. We are particularly interested to learn the whereabouts and condition of one prisoner, Mr. Rakut Sembiring who was arrested in 1965, charged with subversion in 1969 and sentenced to life imprisonment. It is not known which prison he is in or what the state of his health is. We would appreciate it if you or someone on your staff would contact the appropriate Indonesian officials to make inquiries about this prisoner.

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to hearing from you upon your return from Indonesia. We hope you will have a safe and rewarding journey.

Very sincerely yours,

Allan P. Bennison DeLeo S. Bennison

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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June 2, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR RONALD K. PETERSON

FROM:

RODNEY B. MCDANIEL AND FOR

SUBJECT:

State draft report on S.Con.Res. 108, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding East Timor

The NSC has reviewed and concurs in the above State draft report on S.Con.Res. 108.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

June 2, 1986

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FROM:

DICK CHILDRESS

SUBJECT:

State Draft Report on S.Con.Res. 108 - East Timor

Recommend you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

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Attachments

Tab I McDaniel/Peterson Memorandum

Tab II OMB Incoming Correspondence

cc: J. Kelly R. Sable



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

HINGTON, D.C. 20503

May 16, 1986

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO:

Legislative Liaison Officer-

National Security Council
Agency for International Development

SUBJECT: State draft report on S.Con.Res. 108, expressing

the sense of the Congress regarding East Timor.

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

A response to this request for your views is needed no later than MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1986.

Questions should be referred to SueThau/AnnetteRooney (395-7300), the legislative analyst in this office.

RONALD K. PETERSON FOR Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Enclosures

cc:

M. Usnick

J. Eisenhour

United States Department of State



Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter to the Secretary dated March 3 requesting the Department's comments on S.Con.Res. 108 regarding East Timor.

The Department shares expressed concerns about reports of difficult conditions in East Timor. Although we realize that problems continue to exist in the province, we believe there have been encouraging signs of general and continuing progress during the past several years. The difficult conditions of malnutrition and homelessness that existed after withdrawal of Portuguese colonial authority in 1975 and the civil war that followed are over. The Indonesian Government has initiated an active development program in East Timor, which includes building schools, roads, and health units.

The United States has consistently advocated increased access to East Timor by representatives of international, humanitarian, and economic development organizations, foreign diplomatic missions in Indonesia, and the press, and this is now occurring.

We were particularly encouraged that the Government of Indonesia recently concluded an agreement with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) permitting it to:

- (1) conduct an annual series of visits to prisoners detained in connection with the events in East Timor;
- (2) provide medical and food aid to displaced persons on Atauro Island as well as assess the situation of those persons returned to the main island after having been displaced in Atauro;
- (3) carry out medical-nutritional surveys in vulnerable villages in East Timor;
- (4) continue efforts to reunite divided families in East Timor and abroad (mainly Portugal).

The Honorable
Richard G. Lugar,
United States Senate.

This and other steps by the Government of Indonesia have led the Department to conclude that progress has been made. I am attaching for your information a background paper on East Timor that is based on a number of visits to that province by officers in the Department and our Embassy in Jakarta. I hope this information will be helpful as well. In addition, at your convenience Department officers who have visited East Timor would be happy to meet with you or your staff to discuss the situation further.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that from the standpoint of the Administration's program there is no objection to the submission of this report.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

James W. Dyer
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Attachment:

As Stated.

Background

East Timor was a small, underdeveloped Portuguese colony for more than four centuries, located on a remote side of the Indonesian archipelago. Following the 1974 coup in Portugal, the new Portuguese Government announced its intention to give up the colony. In August 1975, a power struggle among Timorese political factions brought about the collapse of Portugal's authority on Timor and an abrupt Portuguese withdrawal from the island. An avowedly Marxist faction, Fretilin, was the best armed and early gained military control.

The Indonesian Government regarded Marxist Fretilin as a emerging threat in territory directly contiguous to its own territory. Responding to appeals from Fretilin's Timorese opponents, Indonesian military forces intervened in East Timor, overcame Fretilin's regular forces and in 1976 formally annexed East Timor. It was declared Indonesia's 27th province in mid-1976.

Since that time, Fretilin elements have waged a small-scale, hit-and-run insurgency, whose area and intensity of operations have gradually diminished. Because of military operations, a food, shelter and health emergency arose in the province in the late 1970s, an emergency which caused considerable foreign concern and direct assistance from international welfare organizations such as the Swiss-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). American food assistance was channeled through Catholic Relief Service (CRS).

In August 1983, after a period of relative quiet and during a de facto cease-fire, sixteen unarmed members of an Indonesian Army engineering unit were ambushed and killed by Fretilin guerrilla elements near the town of Viqueque. Following this incident, Indonesian military units initiated operations aimed at eliminating remaining Fretilin elements. An unfortunate consequence of the resumption of sporadic fighting was government restrictions on access for some international organizations involved in welfare and assistance projects.

Indonesian forces have continued operations aimed at isolating and attacking Fretilin bands. As of mid-1985, the Government still had an estimated 12,000 troops and support personnel in the province to combat the insurgency, while Fretilin was thought to have perhaps 500-700 armed personnel with several times that many followers, including family members, operating in sparsely populated, mountainous sections of the eastern half of the province. Fretilin ambushes on Indonesian forces as well as the ordinary Timorese settlements have continued through the middle of 1985. President Soeharto has offered amnesty to Fretilin members who wish to surrender. Most recently, in January 1985, one of the major leaders of the Fretilin movement named Muu Maruk defected to the Indonesians.

Mario Carrascalao, a native East Timorese, serves as Governor of the province. He exercises considerable authority over the civilian government structure and has encouraged rapid establishment of a provincial government organization parallel to that of other Indonesian provinces. The Governor has also sought to give greater authority and responsibility to district-level officials and has called attention to some existing abuses which brought about reform within the provincial administration. Appointment of a new military commander for East Timor in early 1985 provided the province a higher caliber of army leadership and served to improve the general atmosphere there.

U.S. Policy and Programs

The U.S. accepts Indonesia's incorporation of East Timor while acknowledging that a valid act of self-determination has not taken place there. As have past administrations, the Reagan Administration places highest priority on trying to improve the welfare of the Timorese people. In pursuit of that goal, the Administration continues to make East Timor one element in our overall diplomatic dialogue with the Government of Indonesia. The subject often is discussed in high-level meetings between Indonesian and U.S. representatives. Residual challenges to Indonesia's sovereignty over East Timor, however, jeopardize the continuing, vital cooperation of the Indonesian authorities, without which both development in and international access to the province might be hampered.

The U.S. wholly or partially funds three programs in East Timor. USAID is working directly with the Indonesian Government to implement a \$3.6 million malaria control project covering both East and West Timor, under an agreement signed in mid-1980.

USAID also funds a Catholic Relief Services (CRS)-run Agricultural Development Project in the western part of the province, near the town of Sare. This five-year project, which has received \$5 million and is slated for additional funding in 1986, is intended to encourage settled farming, multi-cropping and increased production of food crops, including surplus quantities for commercial marketing. In the long term, the project is expected to help reduce food shortages endemic to East Timor. A USAID officer who visited the project has described it as "generating considerable momentum...basic change for the better is taking place."

Finally, the U.S. has provided significant contributions in support of programs of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in East Timor during the emergency relief effort.

Areas of International Concern

Development: The Indonesian Government has assigned high priority in its development program to East Timor, where it spends more per capita on development than in any other province in Indonesia. It annually spends more than \$80 million on development and other programs in East Timor, more than six times as much as Portugal spent in 1974. Since the incorporation of East Timor into Indonesia, major progress has been achieved in the construction of roads, medical facilities, schools and housing. More than 5,000 non-Timorese Indonesians work as civil administrators in the province, supplementing a Timorese civil service of more than 8,000.

The building of roads, schools, hospitals, Government offices and housing and technical irrigation schemes proceeded at an accelerated rate through mid-1985. Literacy rates and educational opportunities for the Timorese people have increased at an impressive rate in recent years. Governor Carrascalao points with pride to a present school enrollment of 100,637 pupils in East Timor, as compared with 13,500 in 1975. Indonesian scouting organizations and other new opportunities are now available to the young people there.

Food Situation: The eastern region of the Indonesian archipelago, including the island of Timor, has always been an impoverished geographic area due to prevailing winds, unpredictable rainfall, and inferior soils. East Timor is a traditional food deficit area, with a fragile agricultural base relying primarily on shifting, "slash and burn" farming techniques. The dislocation and damage caused by the insurgency have undermined agricultural production, as have recurring weather problems. Restrictions on movement in areas of military operations have reduced or delayed planting, with a further negative impact on food production.

Based on constant monitoring of the food situation since 1982, both through direct observation by U.S. officials and reporting from other sources, it is clear East Timor has not experienced famine conditions in recent years and that no famine threatens at this time. At the same time, the food situation in parts of East Timor traditionally is precarious and requires constant monitoring.

Government officials have made apparent to visitors their awareness of international sensitivity to food shortages and hunger-related medical problems and the need to respond quickly to problems. International relief agencies have expressed willingness to assist in monitoring the food situation and providing food and medical assistance. Indonesian officials evince confidence they are capable of monitoring food supplies and responding to shortages if and when they arise.

Family Reunions and Repatriation: Beginning in 1975, a number of Timorese left East Timor as a result of unrest there and settled in Australia, Portugal and other countries. Since then, the ICRC has assisted in identifying those who remained in East Timor with a claim to Portuguese citizenship or family ties abroad. Cases identified by Portugal and Australia before 1982 as eligible for immigration had all been dealt with as of mid-1985. At present, ICRC is discussing repatriation of former civil servants with the Portuguese and Indonesian governments.

Atauro Island Detention Center. International concerns include the status of suspected Fretilin sympathizers detained on Atauro Island, just north of Dili. The Indonesian Government has relocated several thousand Timorese to Atauro in an effort to preclude their providing support to Fretilin elements. Observers have reported that conditions at Atauro are relatively good, with detainees free to move around the island at will and able to cultivate crops for their own consumption. ICRC has a foreign nurse assigned at Atauro to help meet the medical needs of detainees. At its peak, the detainee population on Atauro was over 4,000. Since then a number of detainees have been resettled in new areas on the main island of Timor. As of early February 1984, the detainee population on Atauro stood at just over 2,100, with that level reduced to approximately 1,200 by mid-1985. Governor Carrescalao has stated his intention to end all detentions on Atauro as soon as the security situation permits.

International Access: Representatives of several international organizations -- ICRC, CRS and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) -- have on-going programs in and regular access to the province. The ICRC has access for its tracing and mailing, repatriation and Atauro Island "relief" and "protection" activities. After the August 1983 Fretilin attack, ICRC was unable to carry out some of its traditional activities but resumed many of those in 1984. After discussions with the government, ICRC conducted an extensive survey of the food, nutrition, and health situation in East Timor in June of 1985. UNICEF international staff experienced some difficulty with access to project areas outside Dili following the August 1983 attack, but their access to project sites has been completely restored. CRS access to East Timor has not been affected by the security situation.

Officials of the Department of State and the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta have traveled to East Timor on numerous occasions in recent years and have had broad latitude to visit areas throughout the province. In early 1985, East Timor was visited also by Jakarta-based diplomats from the Embassies of France, Nigeria, Japan, Venezuela, Canada, Great Britain, and New Zealand. Foreign journalists from a number of news organizations visited East Timor in the first half of 1985, including representatives from the New York Times, AP, Reuters, the Asian Wall Street Journal, Asiaweek, AFP, and the Far Eastern Economic Review.

Human Rights: Since 1975, international human rights concerns have centered on allegations of abuses (including indiscriminate killings) by Indonesian troops and on the detention without trial, mistreatment in custody, and disappearances of suspected Fretilin members and their sympathizers. Although recent new reports of atrocities are virtually impossible to verify without additional information, including complete names, location of occurrences and other identifying information, the U. S. Government has expressed its concern over these allegation to the Government of Indonesia. Some new studies on East Timor appear to be largely restatements of earlier allegations.

It is impossible to calculate precisely the numbers of Timorese who may have died since 1975 as a result of fighting. There is no credible evidence to support the more extreme allegations that there were hundreds of thousands of deaths. In 1983, a well-informed Indonesian Government official told foreign diplomats that the number of dead on both sides since 1975 may total 60-75,000, the great bulk of the victims having died in the first years of fighting from inadequate medical care and food rather than directly from battle. While we cannot confirm that estimate, it is consistent with our overall information about what has occurred in East Timor.

Allegations continue of retaliatory killings, disappearances, summary executions and detention/interrogation of persons with previous Fretilin links. Both Indonesian officials and observers with considerable experience in East Timor have noted that a tradition of retaliation and reprisal for past injury is a long-standing characteristic of the former colony. These practices are not common to other areas of Indonesia. While there doubtless have been excesses by soldiers in the past, new local military officials exhibit greater sensitivity to human rights concerns and possible international repercussions of their actions.

In late 1983, the Indonesian Government began to try suspected Fretilin fighters in civilian courts for criminal acts, including murder and arson. The Indonesia Government through its Permanent Representative to the United Nations in July 1985 transmitted to the UN Under Secretary General for Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization a list of 157 East Timorese persons who have been tried in Indonesian courts for activities against the Indonesian Republic. The list also included the length of sentences given and the area of residence of these people. The Indonesian Permanent Representative also issued a list of 50 persons who have been released from jail in East Timor for lack of evidence.

Timor at the U.N.

Since 1976, the East Timor question has been raised in various international bodies. The United Nations General Assembly voted in 1984 for a second consecutive year to defer consideration of the issue, in view of the direct discussions currently underway between Indonesia and Portugal under the auspicies of the UN. At the February-March 1985 meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the Commission voted not to undertake further consideration of the East Timor question.

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-- Although problems remain, there were improvements in 4111 the human rights situation in Indonesia in 1985. FG006-12

- -- Emerging from a period of sharp internal political conflict and economic chaos 20 years ago, the Indonesian Government gives priority to economic development, stability, and equity and has been generally successful in these areas.
- -- With a wide diversity of ethnic, social, linguistic and religious groups, successive Indonesian governments have faced the need to create a national identity and develop a governing system which can accommodate this diversity while maintaining national unity.
- -- Indonesia has a "mixed economy," with the state involved in nearly all sectors.
- -- Indonesia has experienced remarkable economic growth over the past decade, with just under five percent real growth in 1984, despite continuing weakness in demand and prices for oil, its major foreign exchange earner.
- -- It should also be noted that, under its humane refugee policy, Indonesia has given first asylum to over 88,000 Indochinese refugees since 1975 and provided one of the region's two refugee processing centers.
- -- We have had a quiet dialogue with the Indonesian Government for some time on human rights issues and continue to do so.
- -- This dialogue includes very sensitive issues.
- -- We believe that these discussions have contributed to improvements, including substantial improvement in life in East Timor and improved access by foreign observers to East Timor in the last few years.
- -- Indonesia is a non-aligned country which is fiercely independent and proud of running its internal affairs.
- -- If we have had any influence at all, it has been in our discreet contacts with the Indonesian Government.
- -- During the course of the various meetings we will have today and tomorrow, we expect that these subjects will be discussed.

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(IF ASKED WHETHER PRESIDENT WILL RAISE HUMAN RIGHTS W/ SOEHARTO)

- -- We will not go into details of what the President may or may not specifically discuss with his interlocutors here.
- -- As is well-known, the President believes strongly that human rights issues are handled more effectively in private and confidential exchanges, away from the glare of publicity.

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