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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
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August 6, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL DEEVER

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: President Suharto Visit - Indonesia

Department of State is in the midst of a series of exchanges with the Indonesians to arrange the State visit of President Suharto to the White House on October 12. The elaborate Javanese sense of protocol spawned a number of special requests that have been turned down or deflected. In the last session, the Indonesians indicated that if Mrs. Reagan wished to show Mrs. Suharto the White House while their husbands are conferring, it would be deeply appreciated.

A rapid positive response to this particular request will be extremely useful in the next exchange with the Indonesians during the latter part of next week. Favorable consideration of this request is important to a smooth visit of President Suharto, his first since a one day unofficial visit with President Ford in 1975.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 5, 1982

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK
 THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON *CM*
 FROM: RICHARD T. CHILDRESS *R*
 SUBJECT: Suharto Visit

President Suharto is scheduled for a State visit the week of October 10. The White House core day to meet the President is October 12. In several exchanges with the Indonesians, some of the more elaborate protocol expectations of the Indonesians have been eliminated or deflected.

In the latest exchange, August 3, the Indonesians indicated that if Mrs. Reagan wished to show Mrs. Suharto the White House while their husbands are conferring, it would be deeply appreciated.

Given the elaborate Javanese sense of protocol and this being the first State visit by Indonesia in 12 years aside from a one-day unofficial visit with President Ford in 1975, we should attempt to accommodate the Indonesians within reasonable limits.

Recommendation

That you forward the memo at Tab I to Mike Deaver.

Approve ✓ Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab I Memorandum for Mr. Deaver

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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT MRS REAGAN SHOW MRS SUHARTO WHITE HOUSE DURING VISIT

ACTION: CLARK SGD MEMO

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD)

83,04,18

Name of Correspondent:

Jo Blaze Regan

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject:

Encloses letter from Julie Maser requesting help in the investigation of the disappearance of her father, Professor John Raede in Indonesia.

ROUTE TO:

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MAY 23 1983

Ms. Jo Blaze Regan
Literary Agent
1123 South Orange Grove
Pasadena, California 91105

Dear Ms. Regan:

Your letter and enclosures dated April 15 addressed to the White House concerning the whereabouts of Dr. John W. Raede has been forwarded to this office for reply.

Since Dr. Raede's disappearance on June 6 the Department of State has been working very closely with the American Embassy in Jakarta and the American Consulate in Medan to assure that all possible actions are taken to resolve the disappearance of Dr. Raede. Our Consul in Medan has been in constant contact with high level Indonesian officials regarding this incident. There have been a number of search missions conducted by the Indonesian authorities, thus far without success.

The Department of State fully understands the stress being experienced by the Raede family. Officers from the Citizens Emergency Center have been in continuous contact with the Raede family and their attorney to share with them status reports as they are received from our posts in Indonesia. I can assure you that we will continue to follow this situation closely and will provide all possible assistance to the family of Dr. Raede.

Sincerely,

Ann Swift
Acting Director
Citizens Emergency Center

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MAY 5, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 141715

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 15, 1983

TO: HELENE VON DAMM

FROM: MS. JO BLAZE REGAN
LITERARY AGENT
1123 SOUTH ORANGE GROVE AVENUE
PASADENA CA 91105

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES LETTER FROM JULIE MASER, REQUESTING
HELP IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DISAPPEARANCE
OF HER FATHER, PROFESSOR JOHN RAIDE IN
INDONESIA

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Anne Higgins *Sally*

FROM: *Lindy St. Cyr*

Helene said the Regans are friends of the Reagans (Mr. Regan is dead, she thinks). At Helene's request, could you put this through the proper channels and respond?

Thanks.

*can we get
Lindy a report
from
state*

SEPARATOR
AVH-271

Jo Blaze Regan
Literary Agent

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1123 S. ORANGE GROVE AVE.
PASADENA, CALIF. 91105
PHONE (213) 682-2437

April 15, 1983

141715

Ms. Helene von Demn
Chief Assistant and Head of Personnel
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Helene von Demn or is it Madame Ambassador:

MACER

I promised Julie ~~Mesa~~, daughter of the missing Dr. John Raede, Professor of Languages at Westmont College, that I would endeavor to get accurate and current information about her father.

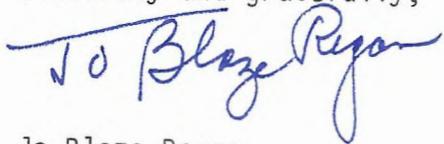
The uncertainty of whether he has been imprisoned, killed or is still alive has cast a profound shroud of suffering on the entire family - especially his wife, Galina.

Dear Helene, whatever light you can cast regarding Dr. Raede's mysterious disappearance or whatever current information you can obtain will be rendering a great humanitarian service to a suffering family.

Phil and I continue to watch, listen and wonder in awe of what keeps our President going. You certainly know that he possesses a unique Power radiated to him undoubtedly from the ~~H~~ Higher Power.

Thank you for taking time out to read this request.
With warm regards.

Sincerely and gratefully,



Jo Blaze Regan

MACER

P.S. Julie ~~Mesa~~, daughter of Dr. Raede, is a technician at the Pasadena Clinic Lab and her deep concern over her father's welfare is indeed very touching .

Dear Mrs Regan,

Just to bring you up to date! My Mother has just returned from her third trip to Indonesia. Although he has not yet been found, my Dad is believed to have been a victim of crime. At a meeting with the U.S. Ambassadors in Jakarta, our attorney, Mr Nichols, requested that the Bukittinggi police department be investigated, as they are thought to be the most suspicious.

Another interesting thing is that two professors from N.Y. disappeared there in January - also believed dead.

Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely
Julie Maser

P.S. American Express still has not found the traveller's cheque - our only piece of evidence.

1275 E. Altadena Dr
Altadena 91001

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Dear Mrs Regan,

Enclosed are several articles relating to my Father's disappearance in Indonesia. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter we just wrote to Senator Hatfield, which expresses our frustrations throughout this ordeal and in particular now with regards to my Dad's traveler's checks.

My Dad, John W. Raede, disappeared on June 7th. At the end of June, as soon as we suspected something had gone wrong with his trip, we called American Express to inquire if any checks had been cashed - the reply was negative and that they would put a hold on any that came through and notify us. We heard nothing further until Jan 4th when we were told by the State Dept., that a check of his had in effect been cashed in July and today we were told that possibly as many as three were cashed, however where, when and by whom we won't know until they are traced, which may still take weeks because of computer problems, I can't believe that and am wondering if they are hiding something. In the meantime precious time is flying by, time which could help find my Dad.

Mrs Regan, I appreciate your concern and will be grateful for whatever you could do to help.

Sincerely,
Julie Maser

THE HORIZON

WESTMONT COLLEGE

Volume XXXVIII Number One

September 9, 1982

Prof disappears in Indonesia

by Karen Patrick

When Dr. John Raede left for a six-week stay in Indonesia, it was to be a summer like many others, filled with the kind of travel, study, and continued progress toward a better understanding of the world's people which Dr. Raede, Professor of Language Arts, so richly enjoyed. But instead it has become a nightmare of frustration, anguish, and unendurable waiting for his family ever since they last heard from him over three months ago.

Mrs. Galina Raede spoke to her husband last on June 3, when he called from Bukittingi, West Sumatra to report that all was well and that he planned to travel to Jakarta within the next few

days. He promised to call every week from then on, until he returned to the States on July 11. When Dr. Raede twice failed to keep that promise, Mrs. Raede grew concerned, and contacted Dean Tom Andrews at Westmont. He helped put her in touch with several missions agencies, and with Congressman Lagomarsino's office to instigate a search for her missing husband.

Although the Indonesian army conducted an extensive search of the mountainous area surrounding Bukittingi, they failed to unearth any clue to Dr. Raede's fate. Feeling that the local police were providing little or no help, Mrs. Raede has contacted government officials both in Indonesia and in

Washington, D.C. In a letter to Secretary of State George Schultz, she requested that "the State Department at least see what can be done by way of a real criminal investigation."

Mrs. Raede's concern about the uncooperativeness of the local police intensified when she traveled to Bukittingi on July 16, nearly seven weeks after her husband's disappearance. Julie Maser, Dr. Raede's daughter, told reporters that "when my mother walked through the doors of the police station, they said it was the first time they had heard anything about it." But personnel at the hotel where Dr. Raede was staying had informed police on June 7 and 8 and again on June 24 that a "Mr. Raede" had failed to return to his room after leaving for Lake Manninjau (25 miles away) on June 4.

Assisted by a Baptist missionary doctor, Mrs. Raede discovered her husband's personal belongings still in his room. From his luggage she extracted a roll of film which she quickly developed. One of the snapshots portrayed a taxi cab driver changing a tire. Presumably this driver transported Dr. Raede on his many excursions to the outlying areas shown in some of the other pictures. But police made no effort to locate the driver and question him for any leads.

In early August, two students and two local officials reported sighting a man fitting Dr. Raede's description. Authorities later found the man and determined that he was not Dr. Raede.

Violent crime in Indonesia is very rare, according to local officials. Theft, however, remains a serious problem and witchcraft and drug traffic flourish around Bukittingi. These factors, combined with Dr. Raede's excellent physical condition when he left, strengthen the Raede family's insistence on a detailed criminal investigation. Mrs. Raede said she just didn't know "how a person could disappear like that." To questions of whether Dr. Raede might have encountered wild animals as he walked through the forests on his daily treks, Mrs. Raede replied, "My husband wouldn't go into the forest alone. And tigers wouldn't eat a camera or shoes."

Government officials from both



Dr. John Raede

the U.S. and Indonesia have assured Mrs. Raede that the search will go on. Westmont's President Winter guaranteed the school's continued support: "We want to see that everything is being done. We are concerned . . . and angry and upset." At a press conference held at Westmont last week, Craig Johnson, an aide to Lagomarsino, and an alumnus of Westmont, reaffirmed the Congressman's ongoing contact with the State Department, Indonesian Consulate, and the Embassy. When pressed on whether she really expected to find her husband alive after the passage of three silent months, Mrs. Raede hesitated. "It's not easy to answer that," she said. Her daughter added, "As long as we don't know, there's still hope. And we're still hoping."

Indeed, many people are still hoping. Dr. Raede's life has packed 69 years with incredible examples of stubborn survival. Imprisoned during World War II for his connections with underground activities in the Free Zone of France, he lost his first wife to

the gas chambers of Auschwitz. He met his present wife, Galina, while doing forced labor in a quarry. After being freed by the French, they were married. They lived first in France, then Canada, and eventually came to California where Dr. Raede accepted a position at Westmont in 1967.

Since then, John Raede has earned a great deal of respect from his fellow faculty members. Dr. Paul Delaney, Head of the English and Modern Language department here, described him as "industrious" — a man who "collected languages the way some people collect precious stones." Further, Delaney commented that "as he gathered languages, he energetically set about giving them away." Dr. Raede typically carried a five-course load per semester, while a normal load was three or four courses. He worked so hard, Dr. Delaney said, "simply because he wanted to."

Cycling, traveling, and careful eating kept Dr. Raede in a physical condition which belied his 69 years. In an interview for La Paz

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even there to pull the switch, no one's there to even watch you as the switch is pulled. so you can stand on the chair, you can jump on the chair, you can jump up and down on the chair and still nothing, and still no one.

by Randall Potts

pressed peoples of today's world. A former student, Dave Delan, said Dr. Raede "expressed his concern for others by giving of himself to his students. For he knew that they, armed with a mastery of language, would help to bring understanding and justice to our world."

you can listen to chopin, you can listen to bach, you can listen to the beatles, you can listen to the clash, but nobody's listening. not even you, conforming to the mold, exploding the mold, forming the mold.

corners carrying signs, chanting slogans, and when you stand on street corners throwing bottles and bricks, it's not so difficult to see, it's not so complicated. when you salute the flag, when you read the papers, see the pictures and

Prof, continued

So this "young" man packed his bags for Indonesia. "The virtue of traveling is to get to know other people and other civilizations — to know how other people think, and how other people suffer," Raede told La Paz. After facing more than his share of suffering and dehumanization, John Raede had a great compassion for the oppressed peoples of today's world. A former student, Dave Delan, said Dr. Raede "expressed his concern for others by giving of himself to his students. For he knew that they, armed with a mastery of language, would help to bring understanding and justice to our world."

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last summer, Raede himself summarized: "I'm very fortunate, of course. I have perfect health. I don't want to retire. With exercise and active thinking you can extend life. I can't imagine an existence in a rocking chair. This contact with young people keeps me young at the same time."

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7. IN SEPARATE MEETING, COLONEL KOESNADI, THE NEW KOREM COMMANDER IN BUKITTINGGI REPLACING COLONEL ALI GENO, TOLD CONOFF THAT HE HAD REVIEWED PREVIOUS SAR EFFORTS AND WOULD BE UNDERTAKING ADDITIONAL EFFORTS AS NEEDED, BUT ON MUCH LESS INTENSIVE SCALE GIVEN OTHER PRIORITIES FOR HIS COMMAND. CONOFF SUGGESTED THAT SOME OF THE MORE OBVIOUS AREAS, SUCH AS THE CANYON IN BUKITTINGGI, MIGHT BE CHECKED AGAIN, PARTICULARLY AREAS BELOW VIEWPOINTS AND THE ILLEGAL GARBAGE DUMPS. DR. RUBLE AND SON INVESTIGATED ONE SUCH AREA AND FOUND A SWAMPY AREA LITTERED WITH GARBAGE AND HAD SPECULATED THAT A BODY COULD BE DISPOSED OF DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS EASILY IN SUCH AREAS LOCATED NEAR THE ROAD. WHEN THIS WAS SUGGESTED INDONESIAN OFFICIALS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DR. RAEDE WAS LAST SEEN LEAVING HIS HOTEL DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ALLEGEDLY HEADING FOR MANINJAU LAKE. COLONEL KOESNADI MADE NO COMMITMENT TO SEARCH ANY SPECIFIC AREA, BUT APPEARED TO TAKE NOTE OF THE SUGGESTIONS.

8. CONOFF IMPRESSION WAS THAT DESPITE THE TIME LAPSE IN THIS CASE INDONESIAN OFFICIALS IN PADANG AND BUKITTINGGI WERE SERIOUS IN THEIR EFFORTS, WERE WELL VERSED IN THE FEW FACTS AVAILABLE IN THE CASE AND WERE OPEN TO ANY NEW FACTS OR SUGGESTIONS. WORTHY OF NOTE AND NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IS THE FACT CITED BY DR. RUBLE THAT THE MILITARY AND POLICE RIVALRY IN BUKITTINGGI, WHILE PERHAPS AT TIMES LEADING TO A LACK OF SHARING OF INFORMATION, HAD THE POSITIVE BENEFIT OF PROVIDING A COMPETITIVE EDGE TO THEIR EFFORTS. THE FACT THAT CONOFF ADDED THE POLICE COMMANDER TO LIST OF OFFICIALS TO VISIT WAS NOTED AND APPRECIATED BY THE POLICE. CONOFF EXPRESSED THE THANKS OF CONSULATE AND EMBASSY FOR PREVIOUS AND ONGOING EFFORTS TO ALL GOI OFFICIALS WHO WERE HELPFUL, RESPONSIVE AND SYMPATHETIC TO MRS. RAEDE'S DESIRE TO LEARN THE FATE OF HER HUSBAND.

9. CONOFF VISIT TO MANINJAU LAKE SERVED TO UNDERSCORE THE DIFFICULTY OF SAR EFFORTS IN WESTERN SUMATRA. A TRAIL REPORTEDLY CIRCLES THE LAKE WHICH CAN BE WALKED IN TWO DAYS. WHILE THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE LAKE EDGE HAD VILLAGES AND FARM LAND, THE EASTERN AND NORTHERN SHORES ARE FORESTED WITH SPARCE HUMAN HABITATION AND CONSIDERABLE WILDLIFE. LAKE MANINJAU IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SUCH TOURIST ATTRACTIONS WITHIN A DAY'S JOURNEY OF BUKITTINGGI WHICH WERE SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS SAR EFFORTS.

HERBERT

Diminishing Hopes

There will be little happiness in this New Year for Galina Raede.

Six months ago, her husband, John Raede, a professor of modern languages at Westmont College in Montecito, vanished while on a vacation in Indonesia. Mrs. Raede has flown twice to that country to monitor

the official search and to conduct her own probe. Twice she has returned with nothing more than revisions of old theories, fragments of new clues but mostly diminishing hopes that her husband is still alive.

If Raede is dead, it will mark a tragic, almost ironic end to their love and a marriage that since 1944 has survived Gestapo interrogations, the struggle of life in German labor camps, and career starts in France, Canada and the United States.

Several theories surfaced following Raede's disappearance and fruitless searches by the Indonesian military, police in Sumatra and the State Department.

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FOLLOW-UP: Agony, Ecstasy and Status Quo

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He might have been taken ill and died on a remote trail leading to a lake he planned to visit. Raede could have been abducted by Moslem extremists. Maybe he was simply the victim of robbers who killed to obtain his cash and traveler's checks. It even was suggested that Raede, master of many languages and a specialist in scientific translations from Russian and Chinese, might have vanished as part of some covert intelligence operation.

None of those possibilities has been substantiated—although it is known that the Central Intelligence Agency has shown some interest in the Berlin-born professor's disappearance.

Two months ago, Mrs. Raede returned from her second search of the area where her husband was last seen. Prior to that visit, she had received a letter from a contact in Indonesia. He told her that Raede had been kidnaped and was still alive. And a return was possible.

Mrs. Raede met with this man, also a male companion. In return for \$500 expense money and an airline ticket to the area where Raede was being held, they said, a release would be arranged.

The mission was mounted. It returned without Raede. The men told Mrs. Raede little beyond the fact that things had "gone wrong." They then broke all further contact.

"One (man) has disappeared, the other is holding to his story that my husband was abducted," says Mrs. Raede. If the men had been working a confidence trick, she believes, they would have demanded more money. "I think they know what happened, went to Sumatra, which is Moslem extremist country, and were told to mind their own business."

Could Raede still be alive and in captivity? "Since he (Raede) spoke Indonesian, it is possible that they (extremists) took him for an American missionary. Maybe this was one time when his knowledge of languages didn't help him. But I really don't have any idea. It's hard to say and if he was abducted so much

depends on how he was treated. Right now I'm very confused."

Mrs. Raede is undecided about further search efforts.

"I just don't know. Maybe I should go to Washington. But if the CIA is involved . . ."

There seems little doubt that the CIA is interested in the disappearance of Raede.

As part of the private search for answers, Mrs. Raede has asked the State Department and the CIA to send her any details they might have concerning her missing husband. The request, under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, was made through James Nichols, the attorney for Westmont College.

Nichols says he has not received a reply from the State Department, but there has been a telephone response from a CIA representative. Nichols says he was questioned extensively about Raede and his past.

"It was," he said, "a very inquisitive call."

—PAUL DEAN



John Raede is still missing after six months.

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THE POLICE WISH TO PROTECT TOURISTS IN INDONESIA.

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SUBJECT: W/W JOHN W. RAEDE - LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

REFS: A) MEDAN 0003; B) JAKARTA 18642

1. SUMMARY: CONOFF TRAVELLED TO PADANG/BUKITTINGGI BETWEEN 18 AND 21 JANUARY TO REVIEW WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS STATUS OF THE EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE MISSING PROFESSOR JOHN W. RAEDE. IN PADANG MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH THE GOVERNOR OF WEST SUMATRA, AZWAR ANAS, KODAM III (ARNY) CHIEF OF STAFF, COLONEL ALI GENO, AND KODAK III (POLICE) CHIEF OF STAFF, COLONEL SYARIFUDDIN TANTONO. IN BUKITTINGGI, CONOFF MET WITH THE MAYOR OF BUKITTINGGI, DRS. DEMAR GAFAR, KOREM COMMANDER, COLONEL KOESNADI, KODIM COMMANDER, LT. COLONEL ARIFENDI, AND DANRES (POLICE) COMMANDER, COLONEL MOHAMMED ZEIN. CONOFF ALSO VISITED LAKE MANINJAUSREA FOR TERRAIN APPRECIATION AND MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE BAPTIST MISSION IN BUKITTINGGI TO SOLICIT THEIR VIEWS AND IMPRESSIONS PRIOR TO MEETING WITH BUKITTINGGI OFFICIALS. ALL MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE ARRANGED BY THE GOVERNOR'S PROTOCOL OFFICE. CONOFF'S IMPRESSION AFTER VISIT WAS THAT INDONESIAN OFFICIALS IN PADANG AND BUKITTINGGI WERE WELL VERSED IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE CASE AND WERE SERIOUS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SEE THE MATTER RESOLVED. END SUMMARY.

2. GOVERNOR AZWAR ANAS SET TONE FOR COOPERATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE SERIES OF MEETINGS BY POINTING OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA (GOI) HAD NOT CALLED OFF SEARCH AND THAT SEARCH EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE. HE POINTED OUT THE DIFFICULTIES OF SEARCH IN RUGGED SUMATRA TERRAIN AND NOTED THAT EVEN THE PIPER AZTEC LOST IN NORTH SUMATRA (SEE REFTEL B) WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ABOARD HAD NOT YET BEEN FOUND. HE NOTED THAT VICE PRESIDENT ADAM HALIK HAD TAKEN PERSONAL INTEREST. HE SAID IN VIEW OF THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE GOI, EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WAS BEING DONE. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE NUMEROUS EFFORTS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN.

3. IN A SEPARATE MEETING WITH THE KODAM III CHIEF OF STAFF, COLONEL ALI GENO ECHOED THE GOVERNOR'S SENTIMENTS AND SAID EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE, BUT NOTED THAT OVER 40 SEARCHES WERE UNDERTAKEN WHILE HE WAS IN COMMAND OF KOREM 32 IN BUKITTINGGI BUT, HE WAS SORRY TO SAY, WITH NO RESULTS. COLONEL GENO MENTIONED THAT HE PERSONALLY LED ONE SEARCH WHICH LASTED 24 STRAIGHT HOURS. CONOFF SENSED COLONEL GENO, AS A PROFESSIONAL MILITARY MAN, WOULD HAVE LIKED NOTHING BETTER THAN TO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN HIS MISSION OF LOCATING DR. RAEDE AND WAS GENUINELY SORRY NOT TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. COLONEL GENO SAID HE WAS SORRY THAT HIS COMMAND DID NOT GET WORD OF DR. RAEDE'S DISAPPEARANCE EARLIER, BUT NOTED (AS DID VIRTUALLY ALL THE OTHER GOI OFFICIALS) THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND DR. RAEDE'S CHOICE OF HOTELS, THE SINGGALANG, A SMALL AND SHABBY HOTEL NOT AT ALL COMMENSURATE WITH DR. RAEDE'S STATUS.

4. THE POLICE COMMANDER IN PADANG COLONEL SYAR FUDDIN TANTONO, SAID THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION HAD FAILED TO TURN UP NEW RESULTS. IN RESPONSE TO CONOFF QUESTIONS HE SAID AN ACTUAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION HAD NOT BEEN UNDERTAKEN AS THERE WAS NO PROOF OF FOUL PLAY AND THE POLICE INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN CONFINED TO OBTAINING THE FACTS, AND IN THIS EFFORT POLICE INFORMANTS HAD BEEN QUERIED. HE SAID THE POLICE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING AND SAID THAT

5. IN BUKITTINGGI, CONOFF MET WITH BAPTIST MISSIONARIES DR. APPLEWHITE AND DR. RUBLE. THEY PROVIDED SOME USEFUL QUESTIONS TO POSE TO LOCAL OFFICIALS AND CONOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW FIRST HAND PHOTOS TAKEN BY DR. RAEDE WHICH WERE RECOVERED FROM HIS LUGGAGE AT THE SINGGALANG HOTEL. CONOFF CAN CONFIRM THAT THE PHOTO OF THE DRIVER CHANGING THE TIRE OF THE OPLET BUS DOES NOT PROVIDE AN IDENTIFIABLE PHOTO OF EITHER THE DRIVER OR THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE VEHICLE. DR. RUBLE SUGGESTED POLICE BE URGED TO CHECK POSSIBILITY THAT DR. RAEDE WAS VICTIM OF CRIME COMMITTED BY A FELLOW TOURIST AND TO SEARCH AGAIN THE AREAS BELOW THE CLIFFS IN BUKITTINGGI CITY CANYON WHERE GARBAGE IS ILLEGALLY DUMPED BY RESIDENTS. HE SUGGESTED POLICE MIGHT CHECK THE REGISTER FOR FOREIGN GUESTS STAYING AT SINGGALANG AT SAME TIME AND THE PASSENGER LIST, IF SUCH A RECORD EVER EXISTED, OF A BUS APPEARING IN DR. RAEDE'S PHOTOS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN BUS BY WHICH DR. RAEDE TRAVELLED TO BUKITTINGGI.

6. CONOFF SCHEDULED AN AD HOC MEETING WITH COLONEL MOHAMMED ZEIN, THE BUKITTINGGI POLICE COMMANDER AT HIS HQS TO RAISE QUESTIONS SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 5. COLONEL ZEIN SAID THAT THE CASE OF DR. RAEDE HAD IN FACT BEEN INVESTIGATED IN THE "CONTEXT" OF A CRIMINAL TYPE INVESTIGATION. THE HOTEL STAFF WERE ALL INTERROGATED AS SUSPECTS, BUT NO EVIDENCE OF FOUL PLAY WAS TURNED UP. HE SAID THE POLICE DID NOT BELIEVE DR. RAEDE HAD BEEN THE VICTIM OF A CRIME BY A FELLOW TOURIST ARRIVING WITH DR. RAEDE OR STAYING AT THE SAME HOTEL BECAUSE FROM THE SEPARATE INTERROGATIONS OF THE HOTEL STAFF IT WAS LEARNED THAT DR. RAEDE WAS ALWAYS ALONE, WAS NEVER VISITED BY OTHER GUESTS OR BY OUTSIDERS, MALE OR FEMALE, AND THAT DR. RAEDE ALWAYS WENT OUT ALONE. (CONOFF COMMENT: THE HOTEL IS A SMALL ONE STOREY GUEST HOUSE WITH ROOMS, WITH BARRED WINDOWS WITHOUT GLASS, OPENING ONTO A SMALL COURTYARD WITH COMMON TOILET AND BATHING FACILITY WHICH ADJOINS A "LOBBY/OFFICE"). COLONEL ZEIN MENTIONED OTHER INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN THUS FAR WITHOUT RESULTS WHICH INCLUDED CHECKS WITH LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL BANKS REGARDING DR. RAEDE'S TRAVELLERS CHECKS (NEGATIVE REPLIES WERE RECEIVED), INVESTIGATION OF THE INHABITANTS APPEARING IN SCENES SHOWN IN DR. RAEDE'S PHOTOGRAPHS AND POLICE INVESTIGATION OF DRIVERS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES IN AREA. COLONEL ZEIN REVIEWED THE PHOTOS WITH CONOFF POINTING OUT, AS DID DR. RUBLE, THAT DR. RAEDE HAS TWICE VISITED BATU SANGKAR AND THAT POLICE HAD CONDUCTED CHECKS OF THE INHABITANTS APPEARING IN THE PHOTOS. HE MENTIONED THAT POLICE HAD CHECKED TO DETERMINE WHETHER DR. RAEDE'S AIRLINE TICKET HAD BEEN USED OR CASHED IN, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. COLONEL ZEIN SAID THAT, AS IT HAD APPARENTLY BEEN DR. RAEDE'S INTENTION TO TRAVEL TO JAVA FOLLOWING HIS STAY AT BUKITTINGGI, ALL FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION TO JAVA HAD BEEN CHECKED FOR INFORMATION REGARDING DR. RAEDE. HE SAID THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE POLICE INVESTIGATIVE ASSETS IN BUKITTINGGI WAS BEING USED AND THE POLICE FELT THAT ONE OF TWO POSSIBILITIES EXISTED: EITHER DR. RAEDE HAD GOTTEN LOST AND BEEN THE VICTIM OF AN ACCIDENT WHILE TRAVELLING ALONE, OR HE HAD BEEN THE VICTIM OF A CRIME. HE SAID THAT THE POLICE IN BUKITTINGGI WOULD CONTINUE THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF A CRIME AND THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS HAVING GOTTEN LOST OR HAVING HAD AN ACCIDENT WAS MORE PROPERLY THE PROVINCE OF THE MILITARY WITH THEIR SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) CAPABILITY. HE SAID THE POLICE AND MILITARY WOULD WORK TO CONTINUE BOTH SAR AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES, BUT REGRETTED NO NEW INFORMATION.

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: Richard Spafford

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SUBJECT: Lack of response to 6/30/83 letter to FPN

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COMMENTS: no reply because of content - L.K.

8/29/83
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SEP 6 1983

Mrs. Faith Whittlesey;
Presidential Aide.
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Whittlesey;

Quoting: James; 2: 1-3

My brothers, as believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, you must never treat people in different ways according to their outward appearance. Suppose a rich man wearing a gold ring and fine clothes comes to your meeting, and a poor man in ragged clothes also comes. If you show more respect to the well dressed man and say to him, "Have the best seat here!" but say to the poor man, "Stand over there, or sit here on the floor by my feet."

Mrs. Whittlesey, no demeaning in intended. What is meant to show a dry sense of humor. It seems awfully dark around me, but the light is shining.

It is difficult to anticipate the cause for not "hearing" from you, Mrs. Whittlesey, but letting you know this is no problem for you. As I can accept any condition because that is the way it is suppose to be, what ever shall be will be.

Hoping your assignment and position goes well with you.

Respectfully;

Richard G. Spafford

Richard H. Spafford

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SUBJECT: Interest in representing U.S. in Indonesia

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Mrs. Faith Whittlesey;
Presidential Aide
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Whittlesey;
Please forgive me in case of spelling incorectly your last name.
In our Sunday news paper was an excellent article written about you,
Mrs. Whittlesey. Reading with interest and found the story of your life
impressed me.
In "Faith"; there is no intention of flattery and hopefully the following
content will explain the reason for this letter.
Earlier this year on the national news reported of the meeting with
President Reagan and members of the Indonesian Embassy. They did express
their disappointment in the lack of any representative from America in
their country. This prompted my thought and my first letter to the
White House. To my knowledge there hasn't been any acknowlegement. My
personal feeling , attached to the importance, to recognize Indonesia.
It is rather difficult in a letter to explain our intentions and yet be
as brief as possible. So then if enough has been written to cause any
possibilities, or interest could at a later date be of further infor-
mation.
Several people are involved in our project. They are of various profess-
ions. Our goal is to help this country, specifically Irian Jaya. Although
unattached to any missionary group; perhaps an explanation could allev-
iate by writing, this would be a follow up of the missionary work.
My interest started during world war 11. Our friendship began at this time
when given an assignment to stay with the village of Sansapor.
The purpose, protection, medical help, food and clothing, perhaps as a
liaison. And this required my learning their language, but not fluently.
Prior to leaving for our next battle, the Chief, their ordained minister
and their school teacher invited me into a very small hut. They wished
to thank me and asked me to return after the war was over to come back
they would show me where they found gold and other metals.
Thanking for their offer by telling them, it must be good for them
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Not just for me.

The recent return to visit my friends was in 1980.

We have made many plans hoping to have everything necessary.

Digressing at this point.

Realizing nothing has been returned and something unique seemed to have happened the day after reading the article about you and as I drove to an area of Flint unfamiliar to me, looking for a certain street. At this time my mind was on the fact there wasn't any answer. Then my mind was determined to try again.

In looking for my street, partially lost, two times I crossed Whittlesey street. This suggestion has been on my mind until now.

And finally Mrs. Whittlesey, the reason for the letter.

A suggestion for consideration as a small representation from America.

Not being interested as an Ambassador. (no political science)

Going down in stature as diplomat or attache.

Presenting the following:

No salary wanted. (perhaps some expenses or needed help)

No notoriety

No office needed

Interested in Irian Jaya only.

Qualifications are available upon request, and a final addition.

From one end of Irian Jaya, am known either personally or by name to the other end.

Chief Immigration Officer. A government official who is presently working at Timor Timor. Three Chiefs, The General of the Army stationed at Sorong. Also at Sorong I have met the chief of police, the Chief landing Immigration Officer. A. Moh Tamher has some kind of relationship with President Suharto and Mr. Tamher will be our partner between the two countries.

Thanking you for reading the letter, Mrs Whittlesey.

Please consider our desire to prove that we as America can serve our goals as God impressed our minds; Go and feed my people.

Kindest Personal Regards
Richard G. Spafford

Richard G. Spafford

C. F.

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THE HONORABLE TONY P. HALL
TITLE:

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ORGANIZATION: U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STREET:

CITY: WASHINGTON

STATE: DC ZIP: 20515

COUNTRY:

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ADD THE SUFFERING OF
THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR TO AMERICA'S
FOREIGN POLICY AGENDA

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January 10, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from Rep. Lowry, et al
- Timor (8339272) (U)

We have reviewed proposed response and decided it should be answered by the Department directly without a reply from the President. (C)

The timing of your response after the departure of Senators Hatfield and Eagleton from Jakarta is approved. (C)

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 6, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR BOB KIMMITT

SEND

FROM: DICK CHILDRESS *e*

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from Rep. Lowry, et al
-- Timor

Recommend you forward the memorandum at Tab I to Hill.

Approve *k* Disapprove _____

by SES
Raymond, *PRS* Sommer, C. *PM L* Lehman concur.

Attachments

- Tab I Memorandum for Kimmitt Signature to Charles Hill
- Tab II State Memorandum dated 12/30/83 with attachments

cc: W. Raymond
P. Sommer
C. Lehman

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 30, 1983



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject: Congressional Letter to the President on East Timor

More than 100 Congressmen have signed a December 15 letter to the President expressing concern over the situation in East Timor (Tab C).

The letter was referred to the Department for direct reply on December 22 (Tab D), but we have subsequently been advised informally by your staff that the White House wished to clear the text of our proposed reply and might also wish to have the President acknowledge the Congressional letter personally.

A copy of our proposed reply for your approval is at Tab A. Should you decide to have the President personally acknowledge the letter, a suggested letter of acknowledgement is at Tab B.

Our Embassy in Jakarta is now in the process of attempting to arrange for a call on Indonesian President Suharto by Senators Hatfield and Eagleton, who will be visiting Jakarta January 10-14. The Government of Indonesia, including Suharto personally, are extremely sensitive to foreign criticism of Indonesia's activities in East Timor and are aware that the two Senators signed an October 1982 letter to the President similar to the current Congressional letter in its criticism of Indonesia. Concerned that release of our response at this time might embarrass the Indonesian Government, thereby jeopardizing scheduling of the Senators' call on Suharto, the Embassy recommends that we not release our reply until after the Senators' departure from Jakarta January 14.

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Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Tab A - Draft Department Reply to Congressional Letter
- Tab B - Draft Presidential Reply to Congressional Letter
- Tab C - Congressional Letter on East Timor
- Tab D - NSC Referral Memorandum

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Dear Mr. _____:

The White House has asked that I reply to the letter which you and a number of your House colleagues wrote to the President on December 15, expressing your concern over the situation in East Timor.

This Administration continues to follow closely the situation in East Timor, and it remains an element in our diplomatic dialogue with the Government of Indonesia. We continue to place greatest emphasis on doing what we can to help improve the lot of the Timorese people, who have indeed suffered years of strife.

As you have noted, following a period of some months when there was no fighting in East Timor and contacts were established between members of the Fretilin insurgency and Indonesian Government officials, fighting again broke out in East Timor in August, apparently at Fretilin initiative. Since that time, in an effort to reestablish security, the Indonesian Government has increased its military presence in East Timor and renewed at least some offensive operations, particularly in the sparsely populated Eastern portions of the province.

We regret the resumption of fighting which has brought renewed hardship to some in East Timor. I would note, however, that we have no credible reports indicating that the fighting

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has caused widespread privation. We have expressed to the Indonesian Government our hope that the fighting will be kept at the minimum level necessary to insure the safety and security of the population at large, and we have reason to believe that the Indonesian forces, in conducting their operations, are attempting to minimize the impact of the fighting on non-combatants. The Indonesian Armed Forces Commander in a Christmas Day message reiterated an offer of humane treatment to any Fretilin who voluntarily gave up their armed struggle. An earlier Indonesian Government offer of amnesty to surrendering insurgents also remains in effect.

The Administration joins you in applauding the activities in East Timor of the International Committee of the Red Cross [ICRC], the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund [UNICEF] and Catholic Relief Services [CRS], which have contributed importantly to the welfare of the people of East Timor. As you are aware, the United States through USAID funds CRS' East Timor project, and we also contribute significantly to the ICRC effort there.

We have expressed to the appropriate Indonesian authorities our hope that, when security conditions permit, representatives

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of all three involved international organizations as well as other responsible observers be given all necessary access to East Timor to conduct and monitor their own programs and other developments of legitimate international interest. At this point, the ICRC has access to Dili, East Timor's capital, for tracing and repatriation activities, and to Atauro Island for health and nutrition programs. Resumed access to other parts of East Timor for protection and possible relief activities is currently under discussion with the Indonesian Government. UNICEF has had recent access to Dili, and CRS enjoys routine access to the Western part of the territory, where its project site is located.

In this context, I would emphasize that all of the involved international organizations, while adhering to the principles which guide their activities worldwide, have operated with the concurrence of the Indonesian Government, which we believe plans to continue giving major emphasis to economic and social development in East Timor.

I hope that this information will be of value to you and

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your colleagues. If the Department can be of any additional help to you on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

W. Tapley Bennett, Jr.

Assistant Secretary

Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

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Dear Mr. _____:

I appreciate your letter of December 15, in which you and a number of House colleagues express concern about the situation in East Timor.

I share your regret at the resumption of fighting in East Timor. My Administration will continue to do what it can to help improve the lot of the people of that troubled territory.

I have asked the State Department to provide you a fuller response to your letter, but I did want to assure you personally that I will continue to make East Timor an element in our overall diplomatic dialogue with the Indonesian Government.

Sincerely,

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BY CW NARA DATE 8/28/06

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DATE: 22 DEC 83

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MEMORANDUM FOR. STATE SECRETARIAT

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE. LOWRY, MIKE

DATE: 15 DEC 83

KEYWORDS: EAST TIMOR HUMAN RIGHTS

CO PORTUGAL

SUBJ: LTR TO PRES FM REP LOWRY & COLLEAGUES RE HUMAN RIGHTS FORMER

REQUIRED ACTION: DIRECT REPLY FURNISH INFO COPY

DUE DATE:

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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

*rec'd S/S-I 12/22/83
1630 CJK*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 20, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: BOB KIMMITT

FROM: CHARLIE PONTICELLI *CMP*

SUBJECT: Inquiry from 105 Members of Congress
re: Human Rights Violations in
East Timor

Attached is a letter which we just received from 105 Members of Congress expressing their grave concern regarding "massive violations of human rights and widespread human suffering" in East Timor. In particular, they are concerned over the fact that the international committee of the Red Cross has been denied unrestricted access to East Timor. The Members urge that the East Timor situation be given priority on the President's foreign policy agenda. Because of the number of cosigners involved, I would appreciate your help in providing a prompt direct response to this letter on behalf of the President.

Please copy us on your response.

Thanks.

12/20/83

Nandra,
The action copy
has been sent to
Kimmitte This is for
files.

Thanks,
Kathy

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

December 15, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

We are disturbed over the intensifying tragedy in the largely Roman Catholic territory of East Timor, the former Portuguese colony invaded by Indonesia in late 1975. Like Afghanistan, East Timor is the scene of massive violations of human rights and widespread human suffering. Although your scheduled November visit to Indonesia has been postponed, we believe it is crucial that the Timor tragedy be accorded serious attention in diplomatic contacts between the United States and the Indonesian leadership in the weeks and months ahead.

Let us state at the outset that we are keenly aware of the strategic importance of Indonesia and the need for continued good relations between our two nations. Nevertheless, we are sending this letter against the background of a widely-reported major Indonesian military offensive against Timorese resistance that may have devastating consequences for the entire population of East Timor. The Timorese have barely recovered from the disastrous famine of 1978-1980 and the military offensive of 1981, which caused a reported 2,000 deaths--partially attributable to a forced march of tens of thousands of Timorese villagers.

In August of this year, Indonesian Armed Forces Commander General Benny Murdani stated that there would be "no mercy" for those in East Timor who continue to actively resist Indonesian rule. The latest offensive comes at a time when the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been denied unrestricted access to East Timor. This is especially distressing in view of ICRC's traditional role as protector of populations beset by war. In the case of East Timor, ICRC has provided the only meaningful neutral observers.

Your Administration deserves to be commended for its generous financial contributions to ICRC's worldwide programs, greater than those of previous Administrations. In view of your Administration's

The President

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December 15, 1983

strong support of ICRC, we believe that you will be concerned over ICRC's absence from East Timor during a period when its presence is of critical importance. We hope you will agree that ICRC should have immediate access to all areas of East Timor in order to conduct unencumbered surveys of the food and medical situations; to visit all prisons in the territory under ICRC's guidelines which call for private meetings with detainees; to provide general protection to the population in ways that ICRC seems appropriate; and both to continue and to expand its efforts in the area of family reunification. On this last point, we commend the Indonesians for the measurable progress that has been made in 1983. However, a number of individuals who have been waiting for years to leave East Timor continue to need special assistance.

The absence of ICRC becomes even more disquieting in light of a September report by Amnesty International which stated that the Indonesian military has systematically tortured and summarily executed many prisoners in East Timor since 1975. The report noted that a secret military manual even provides torture instructions for the Indonesian Army. In addition, a report received through church sources in September described a recent massacre of 200 East Timorese villagers by Indonesian troops. It should be recalled that these developments are occurring in a territory where, by most credible accounts, more than 100,000 people had perished by 1980 from the combined effects of the Indonesian invasion.

Taken as a whole, these recent developments are particularly tragic in view of the Indonesian-initiated negotiations and ceasefire with the Timorese independence movement, Fretilin, that took place only a few months ago. We believe that only through a resumption of such negotiations can there be a lasting, equitable settlement of this conflict. We think that it is in the long-term international interests of Indonesia to pursue such a settlement, and we urge you to advocate this course of action. During the past year, two of our allies with a longstanding interest in East Timor, Portugal and Australia, have expressed their concern about developments in the territory and have indicated their willingness to participate in initiatives concerning the well-being of the Timorese people. We hope you will work with Portugal and Australia to develop creative policies to address the underlying causes of the ongoing human suffering in East Timor.

We realize that there are many other important matters in the U. S.-Indonesian relations. However, it is our sense that the

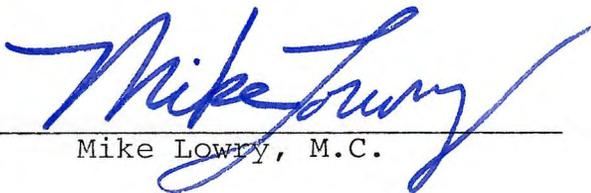
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fate of East Timor is at a critical juncture. We respectfully urge you to add the suffering of the people of East Timor to America's foreign policy agenda. Constructive diplomacy could prevent further bloodshed and misery in East Timor.

Sincerely,


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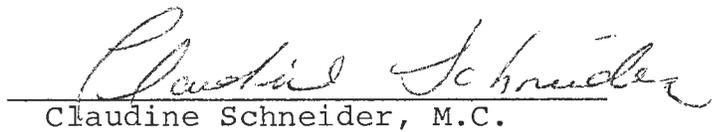

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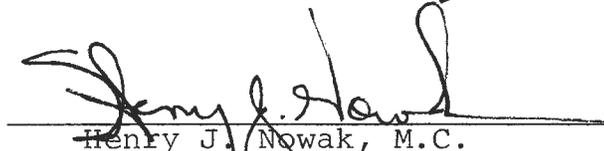

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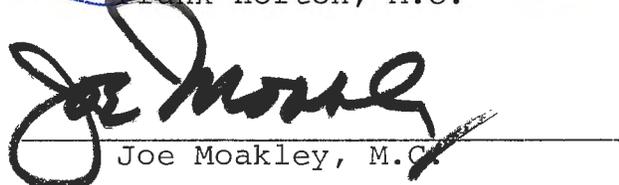

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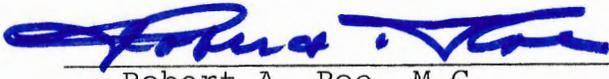

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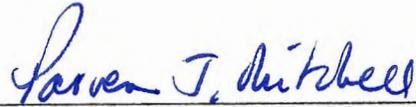
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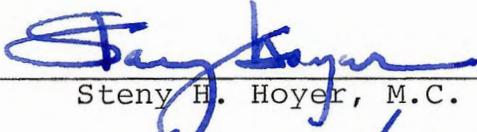
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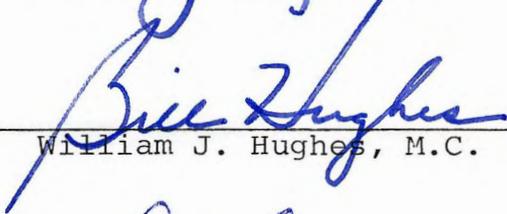
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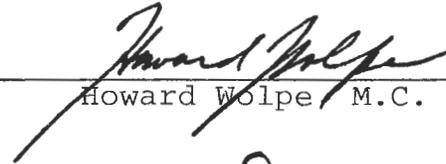
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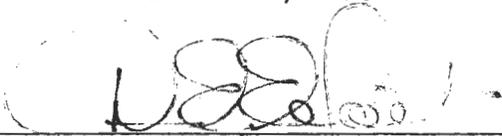
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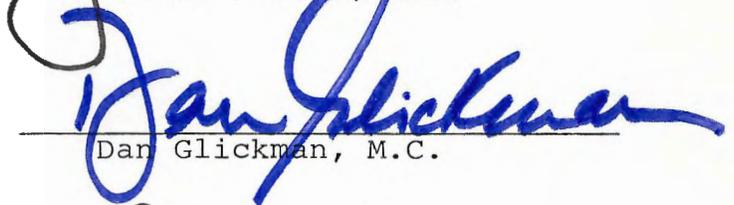
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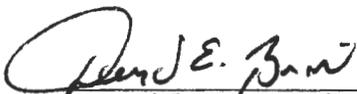
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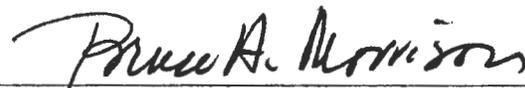
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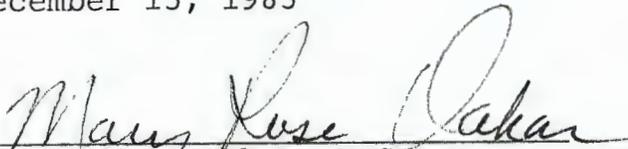


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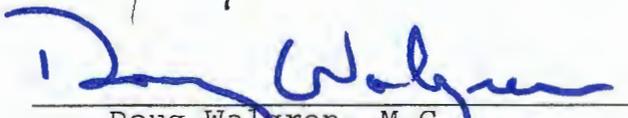


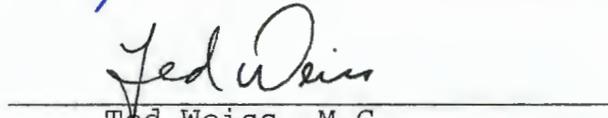
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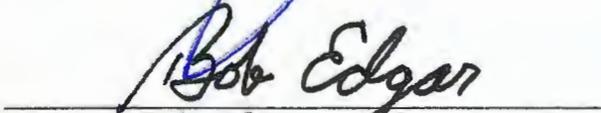

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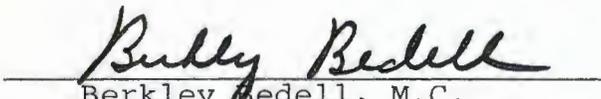

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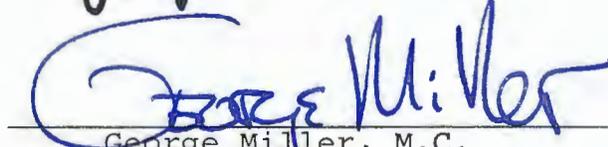

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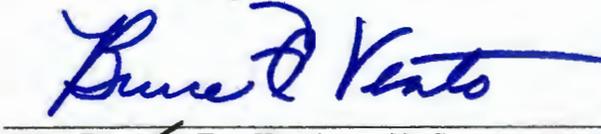

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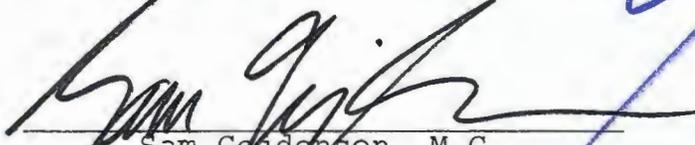

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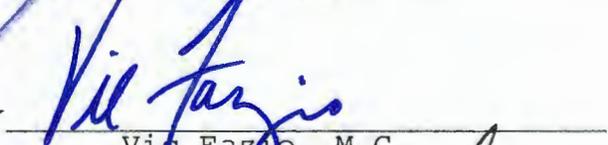

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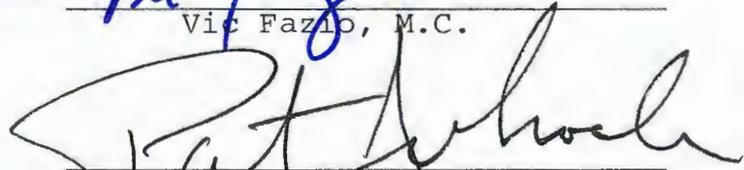

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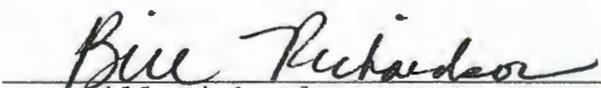

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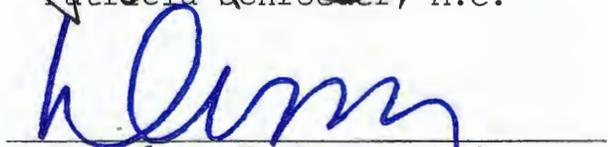

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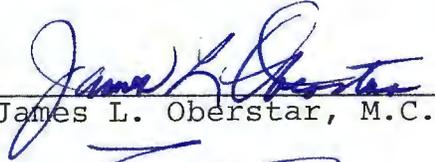

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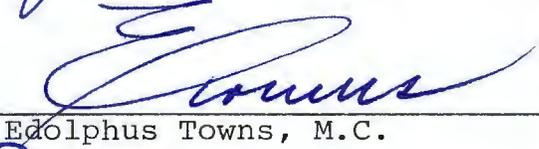

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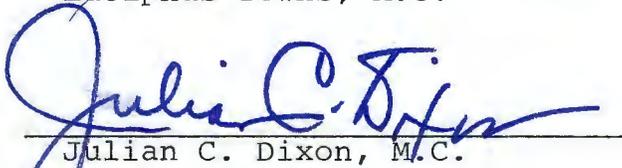

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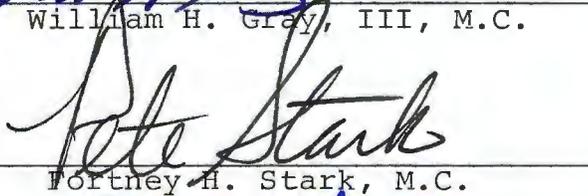

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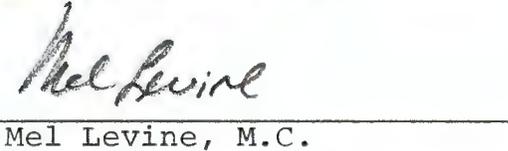

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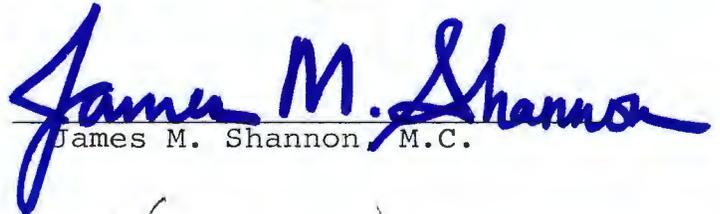

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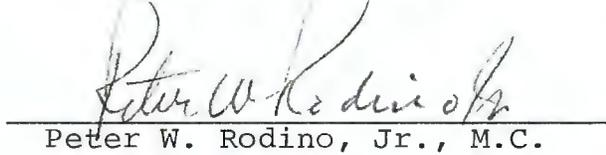

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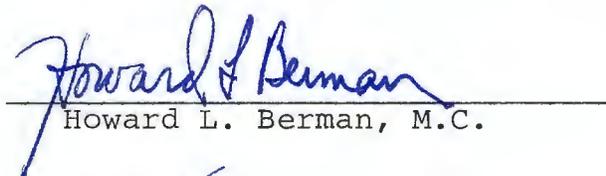

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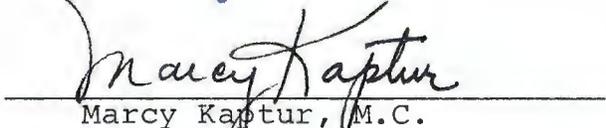

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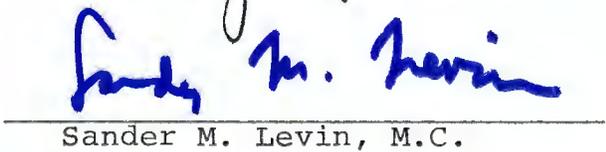

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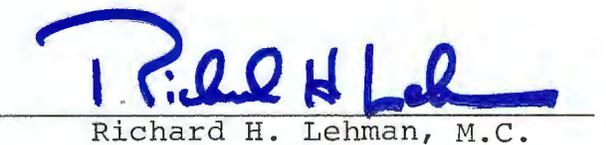

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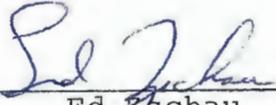

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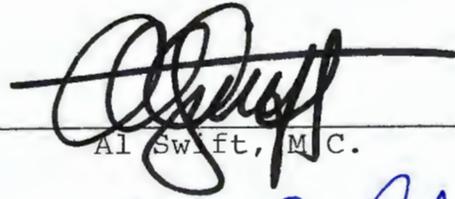

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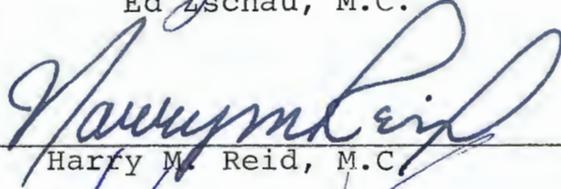
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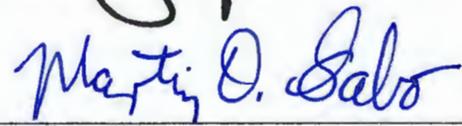
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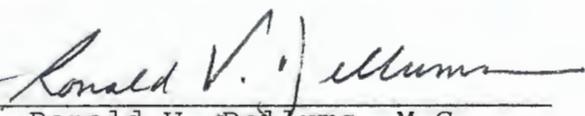
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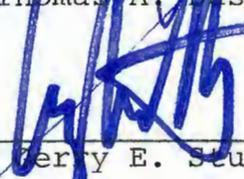
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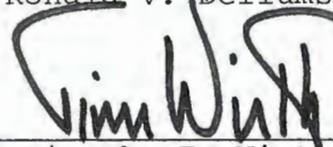
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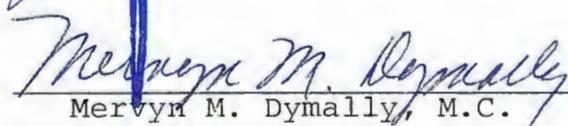
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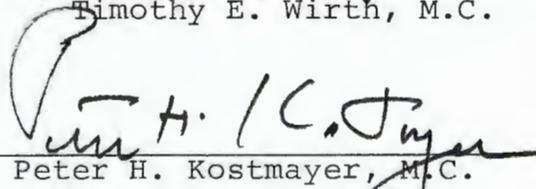
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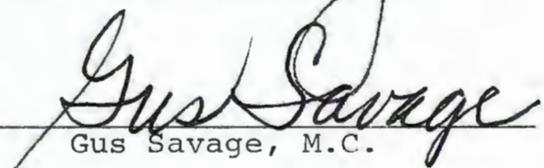
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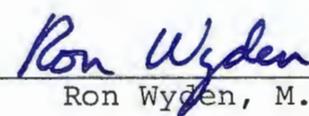
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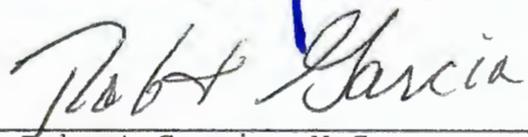
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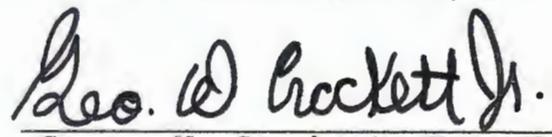
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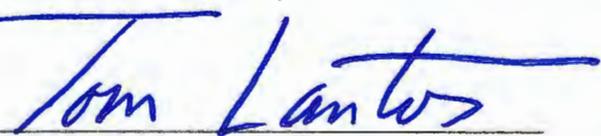
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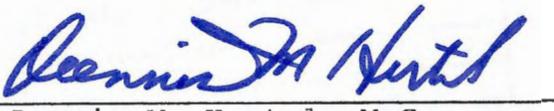
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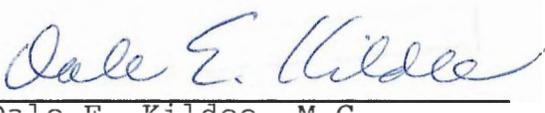
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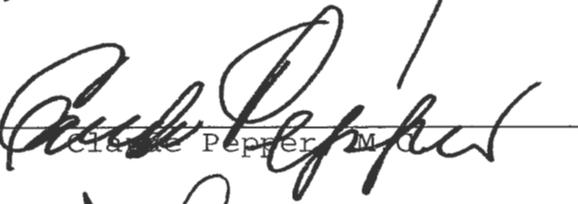
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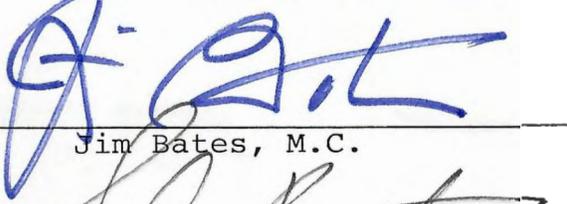

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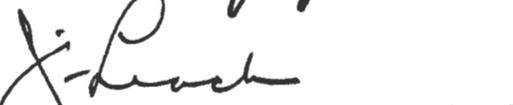

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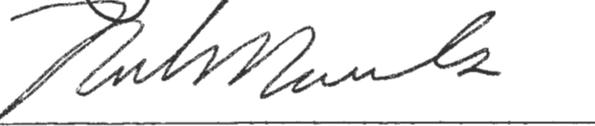

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