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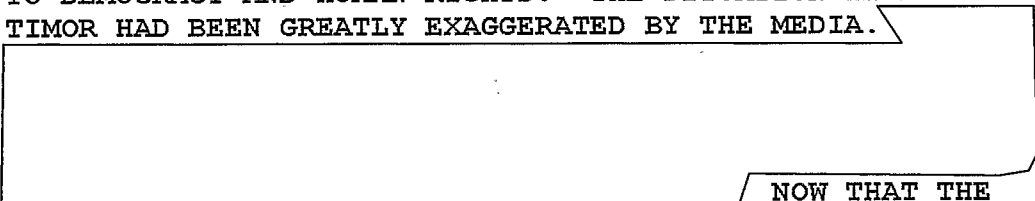
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 REASON, 1.5 (B) AND (D).

2. (S) SUMMARY: GENERAL WIRANTO EXPLORED FAMILIAR THEMES IN EXPLAINING TO SECRETARY COHEN WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN EAST TIMOR. THE ARMED FORCES WERE COMMITTED TO DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. THE SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR HAD BEEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED BY THE MEDIA.



NOW THAT THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE WAS DEPLOYED, THE SITUATION WAS UNDER CONTROL. THE GOVERNMENT WAS COMMITTED TO PURSUE ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

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3. (S) IN HIS RESPONSE, SECRETARY COHEN STRESSED THE US COMMITMENT TO A STABLE, PROSPEROUS AND UNITED INDONESIA. HOWEVER, EVENTS IN EAST TIMOR HAD MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR SUCH AN OUTCOME WITHOUT FUNDAMENTAL CORRECTIONS FROM THE INDONESIAN SIDE. NO AMOUNT OF ALLEGED ELECTION IRREGULARITIES COULD JUSTIFY THE RAMPAGE OF VIOLENCE THAT HAD ERUPTED IN EAST TIMOR. TNI SUPPORT FOR THE MILITIAS WAS OVERWHELMINGLY APPARENT AND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. THE MILITIAS MUST BE DISARMED. THE REFUGEES IN WEST TIMOR MUST BE ALLOWED TO RETURN HOME IN SAFETY. INTERFET MUST BE ALLOWED TO DO ITS WORK WITHOUT BEING HARASSED. THERE HAD TO BE A TRANSPARENT ACCOUNTABILITY TO DEAL WITH THOSE WHO HAD COMMITTED ATROCITIES. WITHOUT THESE STEPS, WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO CONSIDER A RESTORATION OF A NORMAL RELATIONSHIP. END SUMMARY.

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4. (S) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM COHEN CALLED ON INDONESIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND ARMED FORCES COMMANDER WIRANTO ON SEPTEMBER 30. ACCOMPANYING THE SECRETARY WERE AMBASSADOR ROY, DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY BODNER, CHIEF OF STAFF TYRER, SENIOR MILITARY ASSISTANT RADM JOHNSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS BACON, DAS CAMPBELL, STATE EAP DAS BOYCE AND CINCPAC J-5 MG HAGEE. WITH WIRANTO WERE DEPUTY ARMED FORCES COMMANDER ADMIRAL WIDODO, CHIEF OF STAFF FOR TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS LTG BAMBANG YUDHOYONO, FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER MG ALBERT PARUNTU AND ARMED FORCES SPOKESMAN MG SUDRAJAT.

5. (S) WIRANTO BEGAN BY WELCOMING THE SECRETARY TO INDONESIA. THE VISIT CAME AT THE "RIGHT TIME," WITH THE MPR SET TO MEET THE NEXT DAY TO DO THREE THINGS: (A) "DECIDE THE GUIDELINES FOR MY NATION," (B) SELECT THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, AND (C) DECIDE THE FUTURE OF EAST TIMOR. THE MILITARY WOULD HAVE 38 SEATS IN THE MPR AND WANTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

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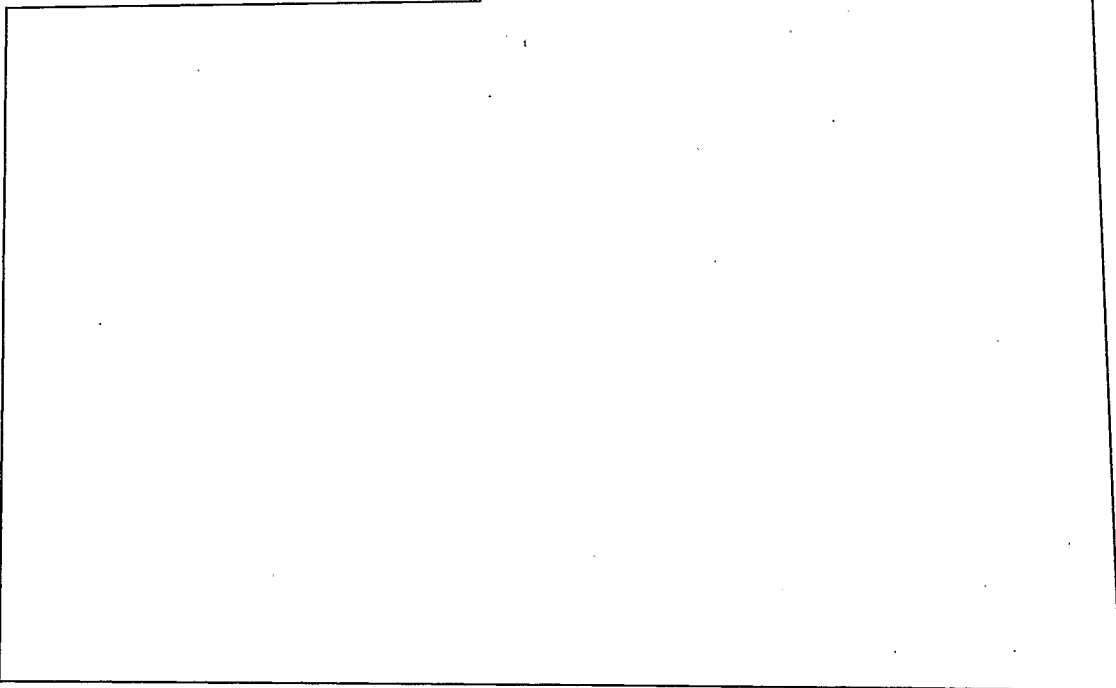
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POLITICAL LEADERS AGREED WITH HIM AND THUS HAD JOINED HIM
IN ANNOUNCING THAT THE MPR PROCESS MUST BE PEACEFUL.

6. (S) TURNING TO EAST TIMOR, WIRANTO INDICATED THAT HE
WOULD USE AN INTERPRETER.

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[REDACTED] MEANWHILE, INDONESIA HAD RECEIVED THE VISIT OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TEAM, AND WIRANTO HIMSELF HAD HEARD FROM GENERALS SHELTON AND RALSTON AS WELL AS ADMIRAL BLAIR. INDONESIA APPRECIATED ALL THEIR SUGGESTIONS AND WAS PLEASED THAT THE UN TEAM HAD BEEN ABLE TO SEE THE REAL SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR. AS A RESULT, THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE HAD BEEN INVITED IN.

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7. (S) WIRANTO SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO INFORM SECRETARY COHEN THAT THREE DAYS EARLIER, TNI HAD TRANSFERRED AUTHORITY IN EAST TIMOR TO INTERFET IN A PROFESSIONAL AND HONORABLE WAY. OPERATIONALLY, TNI WAS STILL SUPPORTING INTERFET THROUGH A TASK FORCE THAT HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE JOINT SECURITY COORDINATION GROUP.

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TNI WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF THE REFUGEES WERE TO GO HOME SOON. REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS, WIRANTO TOLD THE SECRETARY THAT TNI HAD IMPLEMENTED "NEW PARADIGMS" RESPECTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY. WIRANTO SAID HE WOULD NOT DENY THAT ON THE GROUND, A NUMBER OF TNI PERSONNEL HAD ENGAGED IN ABUSES. HOWEVER, THAT WAS NOT TNI POLICY. THE VIOLENCE HAD NOT BEEN COORDINATED, CREATED, ENGINEERED OR ASSISTED BY TNI. THUS WIRANTO APPROVED OF THE NEW INDEPENDENT COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH WOULD BE

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COORDINATED BY THE EXISTING NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE EVIDENCE AND THE "TRUTH ON THE GROUND" IN EAST TIMOR. BY ESTABLISHING SUCH A

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COMMISSION, IT WOULD PROVE THAT TNI WAS COMMITTED TO HUMAN RIGHTS VALUES AS WELL AS CLARIFY THE INFORMATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN EAST TIMOR.

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8. (S) SECRETARY COHEN BEGAN BY TELLING WIRANTO THAT TIME WAS LIMITED AND THUS HE WOULD HAVE TO BE QUITE DIRECT. HE VALUED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK CANDIDLY WITH GENERAL WIRANTO. FIRST, THE SECRETARY SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO STRESS THAT THE UNITED STATES WANTED A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO A STABLE, PROSPEROUS AND UNITED INDONESIA. WE HAD NO INTEREST IN FRAGMENTATION OR IN ANY ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD BE DISRUPTIVE TO THIS PROCESS. WE ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT IN RECENT MONTHS TNI HAD DONE SOME POSITIVE THINGS, SUCH AS DISENGAGING POLITICALLY, SEPARATING THE POLICE FROM THE ARMED FORCES AND REMAINING NEUTRAL IN THE JUNE ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, ALL OF THIS HAD NOW BEEN OVERSHADOWED BY EVENTS IN EAST TIMOR. GENERAL WIRANTO HAD INDICATED THAT SOME PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE BEEN DISSATISFIED BY THE RESULTS OF THE POLLS, BUT THAT COULD NEVER JUSTIFY THE RAMPAGE WHICH HAD FOLLOWED. IT WAS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT THE MILITARY WAS BEHIND THE MILITIAS, EITHER ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE VIOLENCE OR PASSIVELY INDIFFERENT TO THE ATROCITIES BEING COMMITTED AGAINST HELPLESS CIVILIANS. WIRANTO HAD

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MENTIONED THE NEW HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, BUT IT REMAINED TO BE SEEN WHETHER THOSE IN TNI WHO HAD AIDED AND ABETTED THE MILITIAS WOULD IN FACT BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. IN EAST TIMOR THERE HAD BEEN GREAT DEVASTATION. REFUGEES WERE RETURNING TO FIND THEIR HOMES DESTROYED. THERE WAS NO INFRASTRUCTURE LEFT TO SPEAK OF. HEALTH PROBLEMS ABOUNDED. THE RAINY SEASON WAS APPROACHING IN JUST A FEW SHORT MONTHS. THERE COULD BE A MAJOR HUMANITARIAN DISASTER LOOMING. WIRANTO NODDED IN ASSENT.

9. (S) CONTINUING, SECRETARY COHEN SAID THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE WAS NOW IN PLACE AND WAS ACTIVELY WORKING TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION. EVERYONE WAS CONCERNED WITH THE PLIGHT OF THE REFUGEES IN WEST TIMOR. IT WAS CRUCIAL FOR TNI TO HELP THEM RETURN HOME SAFELY;

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SECRETARY COHEN SAID HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT INDICATIONS THAT THE MILITIAS IN WEST TIMOR WERE

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CONSIDERING WAYS IN WHICH THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO THREATEN INTERFET. SUCH ACTIONS WOULD BE TRAGIC IF THEY WERE ALLOWED. IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT WIRANTO SHOW LEADERSHIP IN PREVENTING SUCH ACTIONS. ANY TNI ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN SUCH REPORTS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH HARSHLY.

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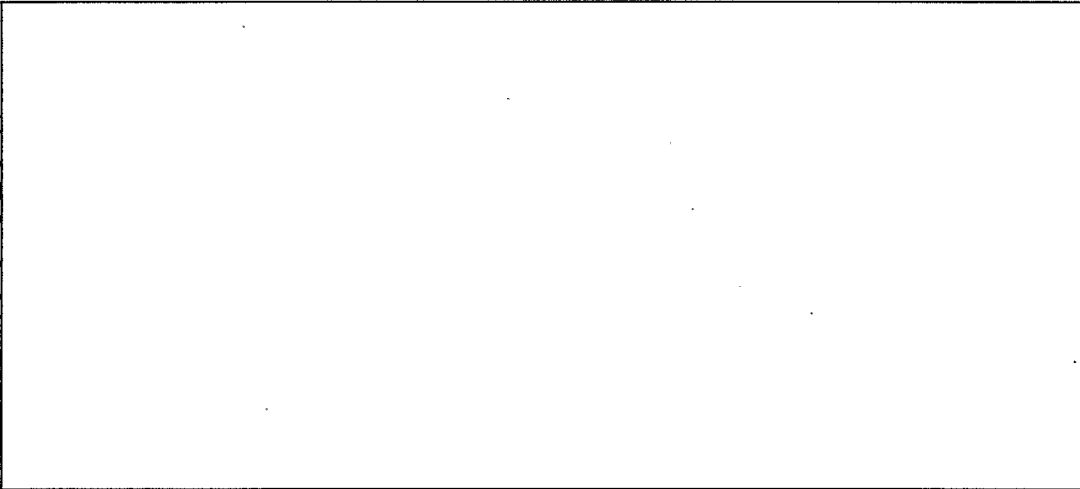
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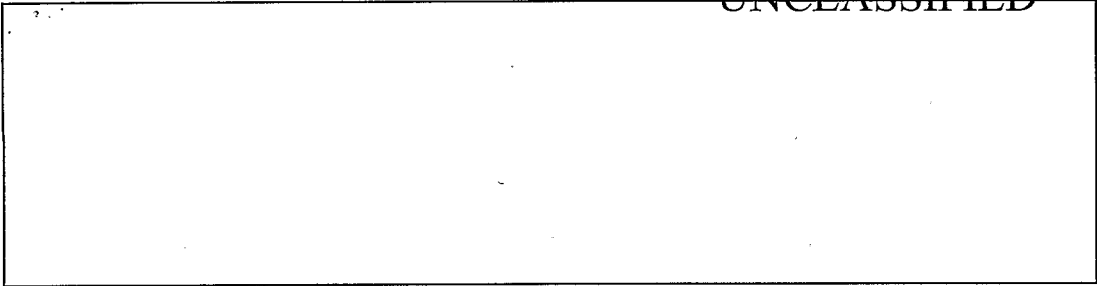
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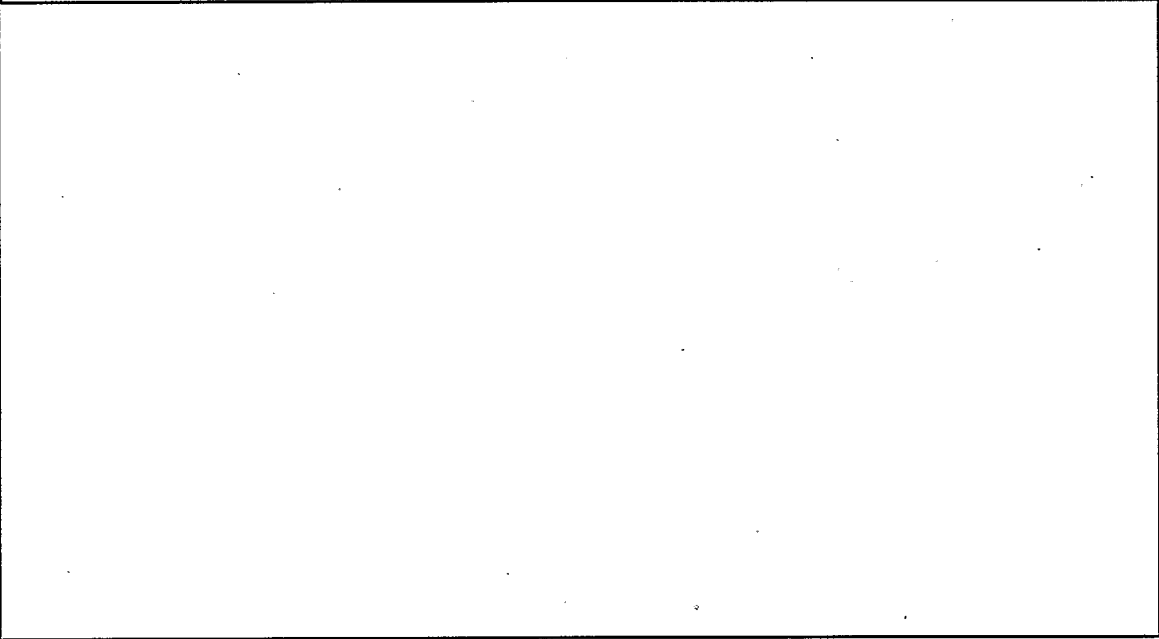
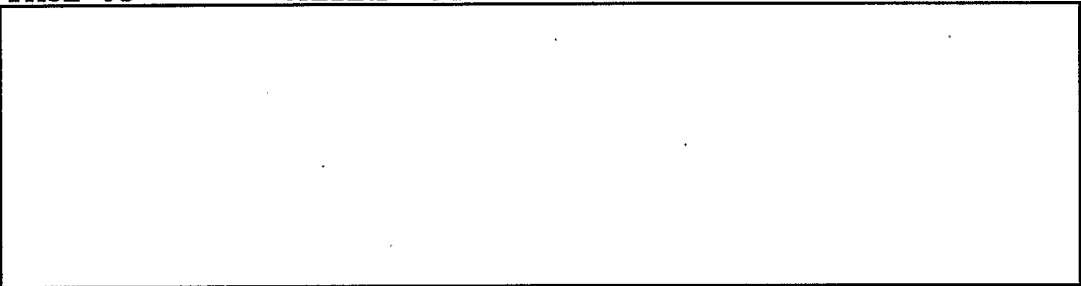
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11. (S) SECRETARY COHEN SAID HE CAME TO INDONESIA TO CONVEY THESE POINTS TO WIRANTO PERSONALLY. THE WORLD WAS WATCHING. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH THE CREDIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE SECRETARY NOTED RECENT PRESS REPORTS ABOUT AUSTRALIA BEING THE "DEPUTY" TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE REGION. SUCH REPORTS WERE WRONG. IT WAS IN BOTH OUR INTERESTS TO HAVE A POSITIVE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, BUT THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT PROGRESS IN ALL THE AREAS HE HAD OUTLINED. IT WAS, AS GENERAL WIRANTO HAD NOTED, AN IMPORTANT TIME TO BE IN INDONESIA. THERE WERE MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES BEING DECIDED. HOWEVER, EAST TIMOR HAD ALREADY BEEN DECIDED. THE DECISION TO HAVE A REFERENDUM HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT.

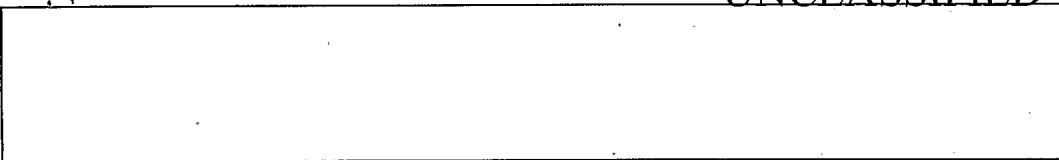
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13. (S) THE MEETING ENDED AFTER ABOUT FIFTY MINUTES, AFTER
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WHICH THE SECRETARY AND WIRANTO DEPARTED FOR THE
PALACE TO MEET PRESIDENT HABIBIE.

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