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Subject: Indonesian Attitude Toward Papuans

Foreign Minister Subandrio informed me December 22 (1961) that the one hundred or more Papuans who had been brought to Djakarta for training in civil administration were causing the Indonesian Government innumerable headaches, primarily because they were broken up into factions and appeared mainly interested in personal position and patronage. He said that Silas Papare was by far the best of the group and his (Foreign Minister's) adviser on Papuan policy. Papare was a businessman and would probably be the GOI candidate for Governor of West Irian when the time came to establish an Indonesian administration.

This days after Papare is defect!

I inquired whether the Government of Indonesia was having difficulty with its Papuan group as a result of the independence talk on the part of the Dutch, the creation of a Papuan flag, song, et cetera. Subandrio said no, that although there was a strong position on the Papuans' part in favor of autonomy within the Republic of Indonesia, ~~xxx~~ the Papuans here recognized that the Dutch move if carried out would simply result in the creation of a puppet state. This the group had no interest in.

As for the autonomy of West Irian, the GOI recognized that provision for this was essential to Indonesian success in the

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territory. Subandrio repeated what he had told me earlier that the Indonesians would leave Papuans in charge in West New Guinea, that there would be no attempt to put Javanese or Ambonese administrators in the territory. Also, Indonesians would not plan to replace Dutch trained Papuan civil servants but would take over personnel now serving in administration, he said. Papuans now in Indonesia would, ^{A-25}of course, also be utilized in the establishment of a truly Papuan administration.

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Analysis of the Dutch budget for administration of West New Guinea indicates that ^{A-16}of the thirty million dollar total, approximately twenty million is spent on military defense, another five million ^{A-16}to pay Dutch personnel in administration. Since the Indonesians ^{A-16}do not consider West New Guinea will present a security problem to the GOI, and since the costs of personnel will be in rupiah, not foreign exchange costs, Indonesia should be able to do considerably more to improve conditions in the territory with less money, the Foreign Minister said.

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