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Christian Herter, Jr. of Socony Mobil called on Harriman today and Horace Smith of Esso Standard Eastern called on Bell. Both referred to cable from Anderson quoting Chairul Saleh as having stated Sukarno anxious make arrangement with PANAM soonest because PANAM had supported pro-Indonesian West Irian policy at White House. Herter and Smith were advised to request Anderson not raise this matter again with Indonesian officials. They were told that you would speak to Chairul Saleh along following lines which we hope you will be able to do in a low key and possibly in connection with some other conversation. You should tell Saleh:

1. We have heard rumors that an American oil company may have been making claims that they exerted influence at White House to obtain a pro-Indonesia policy on West New Guinea.
2. It is unthinkable that the President would take any action favoring one American commercial interest over another.
3. American policy on matters such as WNG is decided on basis of principle and the national interest and not on basis influence private commercial companies.
4. U.S.

Drafted by:

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Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by:

SPA - James D. Bell

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Clearances:

FE - Governor Harriman (in draft)

S/S - Mr. Anderson

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M - Mr. McGhee

E.O. 11652, SEC. 3(E), 5(D), 5(E) AND 11

FSD - Mr. Nelson (substance)

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4. Finally, U. S. of course believes that it is both in interests of Indonesia and of American commercial interest for agreement to be reached between INDO GOVT and American oil companies.

FYI. Smith claims that STANVAC has seen cable from Indo Ambassador in Rome to Indo Government urging that concessions be given to PANAM because of PANAM's influence on WNG policy. Further Ambassador Zain in Washington is also reported to have recommended giving concessions to PANAM for the same reason. END FYI.

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