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Opmerkingen:

Verzonden aan: de Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE CHINESE MILITARY MISSION IN INDONESIA

On the 30th April, the Deputy Chief of the Army Staff, Major General Gatot SUBROTO, told an anti-Communist Indonesian journalist that the Chinese Military Mission (which left Indonesia in the third week of May, 1959) had said that they were ready to send volunteer troops to Indonesia if armed conflict broke out between Indonesia and Holland over the West Irian issue. The Mission urged that the risks of receiving such volunteers were not great since the volunteers could be said to come from a friendly country. Gatot SUBROTO said that the Indonesian side had rejected such assistance and had asserted that Indonesia always preferred to seek a peaceful solution to any problem.

Gatot SUBROTO also said that the Mission had referred to the possibility of North Borneo being used by the imperialists as a base to endanger the security of Indonesia. For this reason foreign occupation of North Borneo represented a danger to the whole of Asia. Gatot said that the Indonesian Army party had replied that this question was a political question and thus came within the responsibility of the politicians. The Army obeyed orders in the political sphere without question, and had therefore not thought about this question.

On the 19th May, Major General Gatot SUBROTO told the same journalist in private conversation that the Army had entered into no engagements with the Chinese Military Mission.

While it was in Indonesia, the Mission received all assistance possible from the PKI. Information about individual Indonesian officers in touch with the Mission and other matters was passed by the PKI to the Mission through the Chinese Military Attaché, Colonel MAO

SHEN (5403-3819), who had been in constant touch with members of the Central Committee of the PKI. The PKI also supplied a security guard for members of the Mission, especially the Head of the Mission who was put up in an unlisted Chinese Embassy house, in a district of Djakarta which was surrounded by houses of reliable members of the PKI.

Eind mei 1959.