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Bron : Betrouwbaar.

Subbron : Een Indonesische journalist met communistische sympathieën.

Opmerkingen :

Verzonden aan : de Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken.

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**GEHEIM**Political/Military/Air/NavalPresent Political Situation (22 - 29.7.59.)The Cabinet

1. President SUKARNO has been disturbed by reports he has received of considerable dissatisfaction at the membership of the new Cabinet. As a result he has adopted a policy at Cabinet meetings of pressing Ministers to produce definite plans of action for their Ministries. He has repeated previous declarations that he will change Ministers if they do not prove sufficiently capable or energetic.
2. The most important question which has been decided by the Cabinet so far is the ban on party membership for all senior Government officials (Grade F and above, which means anyone above the equivalent grade of Attache in the Foreign Service for example). This proposal came from Lt. Gen. NASUTION (Minister of Defence). There is resentment about this decree among Indonesian Civil Servants who have strong party loyalties, although the majority will probably not resign when it comes to the pinch. Many Civil Servants regard this decree as a clear indication that the NASUTION Group in the Cabinet hold the majority in the Plenary Sessions and fear this will lead to an undisguised Military Administration. The P.N.I., P.K.I. and N.U. Parties are also strongly opposed to the decree.

The Army

3. NASUTION is still resisting attempts to make him give up his post as Chief of the Army Staff. If he is forced to do so he intends to try and resuscitate the rank of Panglima

Besar (High Commander) which he would be able to assume in conjunction with the office of Minister of Defence. Major General GATOT SUPROTO has the most support within the Army as successor to NASUTION. As a result of the recent quarrel between the Air Force and the Army, NASUTION is also trying to see that Air Vice Marshal SURYADARMA (Chief of the Air Staff) is replaced and sent abroad. The final decision on this point however rests with SUKARNO.

4. In view of the conflict both within the Army and between the Services, NASUTION is trying to make certain that the majority of senior officers in the Army Headquarters are his supporters. He has in effect replaced Lt. Col. IMAM SUKARTO as Head of Military Intelligence by Lt. Col. SUKENDRO, although this has not been announced. He feels he can rely implicitly on SUKENDRO's loyalty.

The Air Force

5. SUKARNO has had three long discussions with Air Vice Marshal SURYADARMA concerning the demands of the Air Force. These were that the Air Force should be given a separate Ministry with the right of drawing up their own budget. Only administrative details should come under the Ministry of Defence. After these meetings and after approaches by a large number of Air Force Officers, SUKARNO informed SURYADARMA in front of DJUANDA that he agreed to the formation of an Air Force Ministry.

The Navy

6. One of those who urged SUKARNO to agree to MARTADINATA's appointment as Chief of the Naval Staff in succession to Vice Admiral SUBIJAKTO was NASUTION himself.

The Supreme Advisory Council (Dewan Pertimbangan Agung)

7. Seats in the Supreme Advisory Council will be allotted

as follows:-

P.N.I.	2 seats
N.U.	2 seats
P.K.I.	2 seats
Smaller parties	1 seat
Trade Union Federations	1 seat each
Peasants Organisations	1 seat each

(The above means that the Communist Trade Union Federation SOBSI, the Communist Peasants Organisation BTI, the P.N.I. Trade Union Federation KBKI and the P.N.I. Peasants Organisation Petani will all be given one seat each.)

8. The Chairman of the Supreme Advisory Council will be RUSLAN ABDUL GANI (former Chairman of the National Council). The People's Consultative Council (Madjelis Permusjawaratan Rakjat)

9. Because of the difficulties involved and the lack of time, SUKARNO has been persuaded to delay the formation of the People's Consultative Council until after 17th August (anniversary of the revolution).

National Planning Council

10. The Chairman of the National Planning Council (Dewan Perantjang Nasional - Depernas) will be Professor YAMIN, Minister of Education. SUKARNO has agreed to this appointment.