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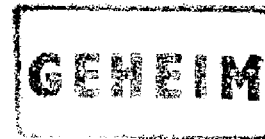
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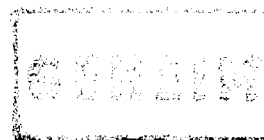
Opmerkingen:

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DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AMONG INDONESIAN MILITARY
LEADERS CONCERNING WEST NEW GUINEA ACTION

Before his departure for Bali in early August, President SUKARNO summoned Air Marshal SURYADARMA to see him in his capacity as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. SUKARNO told him that he was convinced that West New Guinea would have to be regained by armed Indonesian attack. He then asked SURYADARMA if he would be prepared to carry out orders for an invasion. SURYADARMA replied that if the President ordered an attack he would have the Air Force comply with such a request.

While SURYADARMA would be willing to obey SUKARNO's orders there is no assurance that he would be fully backed by his subordinates in the Air Force. Several of his staff officers are opposed to any attack on West New Guinea.

General NASUTION after consulting his principal staff officers informed the President that the Army is not ready for an attack on West New Guinea since "technical" difficulties still must be overcome. General JANI has been particularly outspoken among army officers as opposing any attack on West New Guinea.

Admiral MARTADINATA, Navy Chief of Staff, is also opposed to an attack on West Irian.

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