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Bron: Van bevriende zijde.

Subbron: Iemand van de Indonesische luchtmacht, die in nauw contact staat met Umar Dani.

Opmerkingen:

Verzonden aan: de Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken.

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## Indonesia

INDONESIAN AIR FORCE DEVELOPMENTSColonel UMAR DANI's mission to USSR

This mission attained three objectives:

- a) to speed up aircrew training of Indonesians now in USSR;
- b) to obtain the services of more Russian technicians to maintain the aircraft and equipment already made available to the Indonesians by the Russians;
- c) to negotiate the visit to Indonesia of a Russian technical team to teach the Indonesian Air Force (AURI) how to use air-to-air missiles.

The Russians agreed to Col. UMAR DANI's requests and said that they were prepared to offer even more aid than had already been extended to Indonesia, but only they hinted if the latter gave the USSR more positive political support. Col. UMAR DANI was unable to satisfy the Russians on this score and obtained no promises of further Russian arms and equipment. The Russians remained unconvinced that the Indonesians seriously intended military action against West Irian in the near future and in the absence of convincing evidence to the contrary could see no good reason to raise the priority of assistance to AURI, apart from that described above.

Low serviceability rate of MIG Aircraft

AURI is having considerable difficulty with the engines in their MIGs, which Indonesian fitters are unable to keep in running order.

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Col. SELATING (phonetic) of AURI enquired whether it was possible to fit Rolls Royce Conway engines into MIGs. He was asked in return whether he thought that a MIG could be sent to Derby for trials. He replied sheepishly that he did not think the Russians would allow this. When questioned further Colonel SELATING said, cryptically, that the MIG engines were no good and constantly giving trouble.

Ground attack aircraft

Their declared inability to support any invasion of West Irian in the ground attack role has brought it home to AURI that their ground attack aircraft (B.26 - Mustangs) are twenty years old. If they are to continue in service they will need a major overhaul, possibly outside Indonesia. An AURI officer described them as "falling to bits".

C.130's

All except one of AURI's C.130-Hercules aircraft was servicable during the week ending 2nd March 1962.

No navigational aid system was yet installed on the airstrips in the extreme east of Indonesia. The equipment allocated was of Communist bloc origin (Polish?) but it was too bulky and heavy to be ferried in by C.130's. If the equipment were to be moved by sea, however, there was no means of transporting it from the wharfs to the airstrips, owing to the absence of suitable roads.

Lt.Col. BUDIARJO was in Czechoslovakia during the week ending 2nd March 1962 trying to obtain further equipment for AURI and to speed up outstanding deliveries. He was a member of the UMAR DANI purchasing mission to the USSR.