

TOP SECRET

PRIME MINISTER

Malaysia

In your minute of 22nd January to the Foreign Secretary you asked for his views, and those of the Secretary of State for Defence and the Commonwealth Secretary, on the proposal for a deception plan which had been made by the Joint Action Committee in their paper J. A. (64) 19 (Final). You also suggested that it would be convenient if a note were prepared which would set out our objectives in confrontation and the impressions which, by various means, we wished to make on the Indonesians in order to provide a background against which this and similar proposals could be planned and considered.

It has since been decided not to recommend the deception plan in view of possible adverse reactions, by way of increased alertness of Indonesian forces, *Passage deleted & retained under Sec. 2 (4) J. L. Green 8.9.95*

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Officials have, however, prepared a note on the lines which you suggested; and I attach a copy of this in the form in which it has been approved by the Joint Action Committee (J. A. (65)9 (Final)). If you, and the Foreign Secretary, the Secretary of State for Defence and the Commonwealth Secretary, to whom I am sending copies of this minute and its enclosure, approve the note, it can be used as a yardstick for planning operations and submitting them to Ministers for approval. I understand that the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, has now made certain specific proposals and that these are under consideration. If any of these should be recommended for Ministerial approval, they would, of course be submitted to Ministers in accordance with the procedure suggested in paragraph 6 of J. A. (65) 9 (Final).

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