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Confused though the situation in Indonesia may be, it seems clear that during the past few days the army have had an opportunity to break the power of the P.K.I. that will not recur. It is also becoming increasingly apparent that they may be letting this opportunity slip through their fingers as Sukarno attempts to exercise restraint and pressures for reconciliation develop. This view is confirmed and strengthened by Hatta's remarks in Djakarta telegram No. 2033. — DH 1015/156

2. It is not in our interests to see the P.K.I. recovering its influence and preparing itself for the day when it will be strong enough to seize power. I submit that we should not miss the present opportunity to use the situation to our advantage. I, of course, agree that we should not indicate support for any particular group in Indonesia but I recommend that we should have no hesitation in doing what we can surreptitiously to blacken the P.K.I. in the eyes of the army and the people of Indonesia.

3. The C-in-C has addressed himself to the Chief of the Defence Staff on this subject.

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