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NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT FOR ARMY ENGINEERS.

On 20 August negotiations took place at Indonesian Army Headquarters between two unidentified Soviets and Maj. HARTAWAN, third in command of the Army Corps of Engineers, regarding the purchase of Soviet equipment by Indonesia. The negotiations apparently reached the status of a firm order with Sudoimport for earliest delivery of:

- a. An unknown number of 340-ton tugboats of USSR registry "ULR 4/1S", each requiring a crew of four officers and 20 men.
- b. An unknown number of 465-ton river-lake dredgers of 250-cubic meter per hour dredging capacity.
- c. An unknown number of non-propelled lake hopper barges of 150-cubic meter capacity, USSR registry "1-0", each requiring a crew of three men.

(Comment: The tugboats and dredgers are intended for use in Kalimantan).

A few days earlier, there had been a conference of the armed forces Chiefs of Staff, Lt.-Gen. NASUTION, Vice Admiral SUBIJAKTO, and Air Marshal SURYADARMA, regarding arms purchases from the U.S. NASUTION's position was to discontinue all purchases from the Soviet Bloc and look to the U.S. for all equipment. SURYADARMA was so violently opposed to doing any business with the U.S. that he nearly came to blows with NASUTION. After the conference SURYADARMA went to President SUKARNO, who instructed NASUTION to continue to purchase equipment from the Soviet Bloc in an amount proportionate to equipment purchased from the U.S. under the recent arms agreement. This was the policy behind the tugboat deal.

An impending reshuffle in the Corps of Engineers will place Lt.-Col. SUDARTO in command, with Maj. HARTAWAN as second in command.

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