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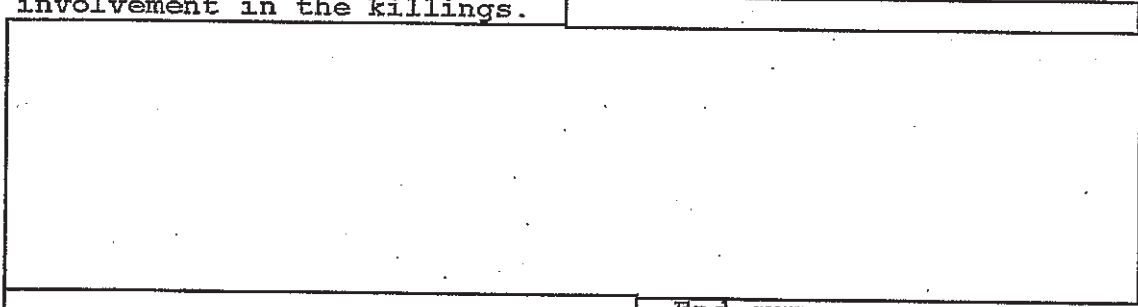
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 TAGS: PREL, MASS, KDEM, CASC (NESSEN, WILLIAM A.), ID
 SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR CALLS ON INDONESIA ARMED FORCES (TNI)
 COMMANDER

1. (U) Classified by COL Joe Judge for reason 1.5 (b) and (d)
2. (C) Summary: Indonesian Armed Forces (TNI) Commander Endriartono Sutarto told the Ambassador June 16 that he welcomed the FBI's return to investigate the Timika killings as soon as possible and said TNI would cooperate fully with their requests. General Sutarto lamented the impending Washington Post article alleging TNI's and his own involvement in the killings.



End summary.

Timika slayings and the Washington Post

3. (C) The Ambassador called on TNI Commander, General

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Endriartono Sutarto, June 16 at TNI Headquarters. Major General Luthfie, TNI Assistant for Intelligence, and Major General Syafrie, TNI spokesperson, also attended. Recalling his good conversation with PACOM Commander Admiral Fargo just a few weeks ago at the Shangri-La Summit in Singapore, General Sutarto then quickly turned the conversation to his concerns surrounding a written interview request he had received from the Washington Post regarding Timika.

4. (C) Clearly concerned, General Sutarto asked why the Washington Post wanted to interview him, as well as TNI's Strategic Intelligence Agency (BAIS) and State Intelligence Agency (BIN) Chiefs regarding the Timika case. [REDACTED]

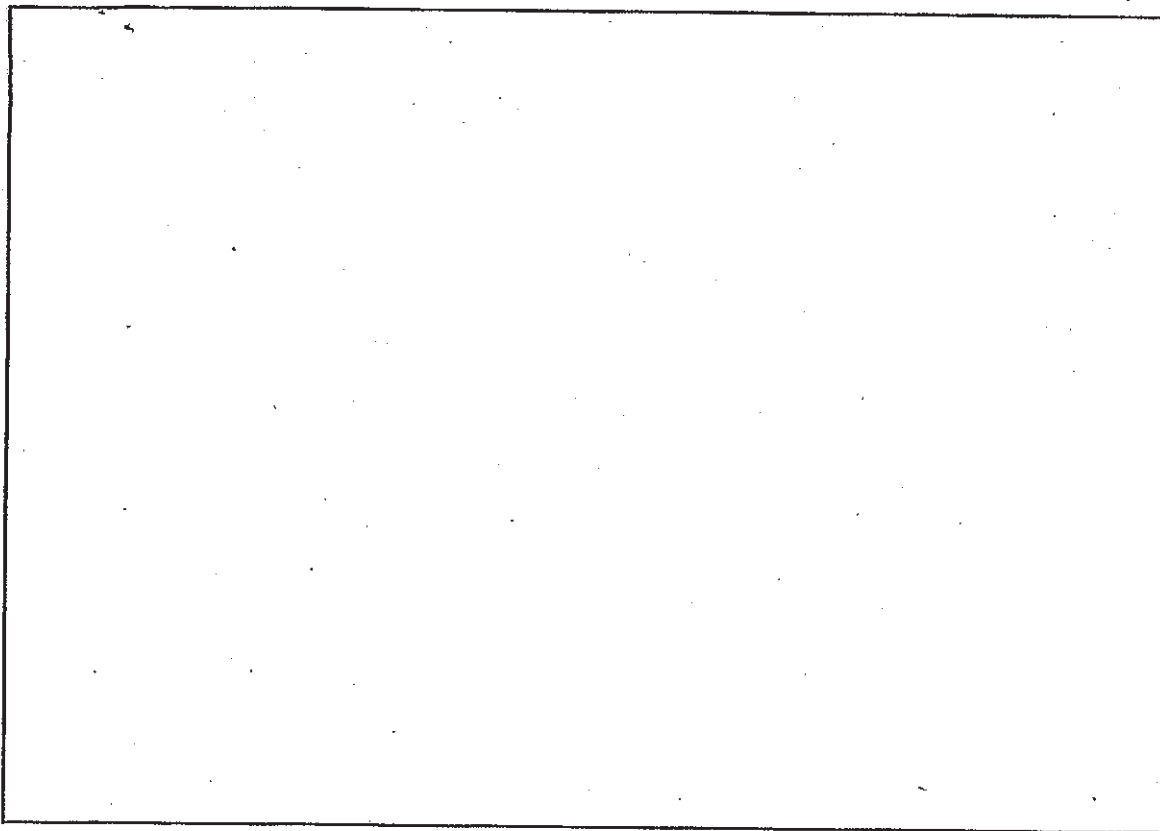
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[REDACTED] The Ambassador replied by suggesting that the upcoming Post article should not deter us from our main objective, which was justice in the Timika case. The best way for General Sutarto to respond to the Post's charges would be to bring the case to an early resolution, with the guilty parties punished. The Ambassador added that he had just returned from a successful visit to Washington where he had seen many senior officials. Overwhelmingly, their concern was to see justice in the Timika case and full, transparent cooperation from the Indonesian government and TNI. The Ambassador added that he had also spoken with the widow of one of the slain Americans, stressing that her fundamental request for an explanation of what happened was quite reasonable.


5. (C) General Sutarto nodded in agreement, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] admitted that he felt uncomfortable speaking with the Post since his last poor encounter with them. (NOTE - several months ago, the Post ran a story alleging that Sutarto had been involved in the Timika case. Sutarto sued the Post, which settled out of court by printing a retraction and writing a letter of apology.) [REDACTED]

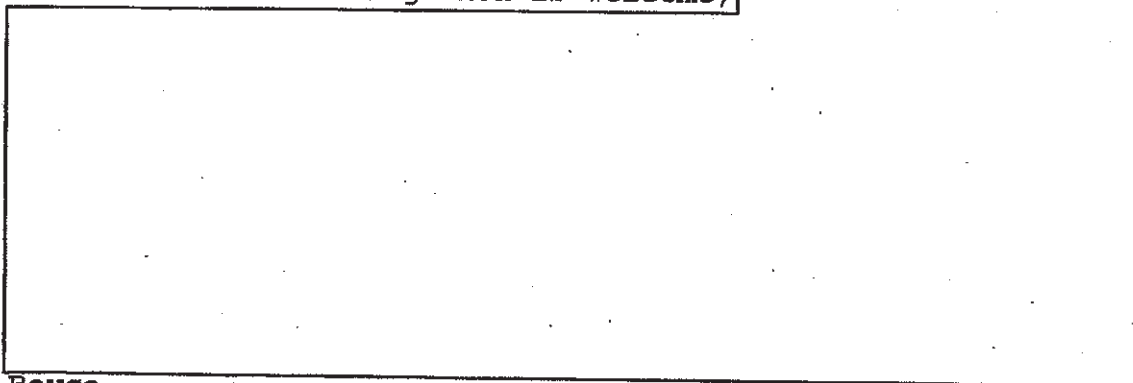
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Comments

11. (C) Sutarto's professed willingness to cooperate fully
in the Timika investigation is welcome, 



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