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1. Interesting and probably significant parts of story rapidly unfolding here were passed along Oct 16 to Emboff by ^tSutarto, special assistant to Ruslan Abdulgani, and long and intimately involved in Javanese and GOI circles.
2. Anti-PKI action being extended, Sutarto said, to other areas in addition Djakarta: Medan, South Sumatra, Makassar, while "Central Java is in turmoil." (COMMENT: Although this latter may be exaggeration, it indicates something of fervor of current ~~pub~~ feeling.)
3. Sutarto made clear that principal target of Army/Moslem anti-PKI action here is Subandrio. He predicted forthcoming raid on Subandrio's elegant new residence which because of its ostentatiousness ~~excitation~~ had already evoked jaundiced though whispered comments.
4. On other side, Nasution remains main target of PKI

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underground remnants and is under heavy ~~arm~~ guard.

(Sutarto's implication was that, though lying low, Nasution is strong rallying point.)

5. When queried by Emboff as to next step beyond present mass demonstrations and sacking PKI-associated establishments and residences, Sutarto commented that Sukarno respects only strength and action, and said firmly: "Now we must show him that we have both."

6. He indicated there will be some action at Chicom Embassy, but this being delayed pending return to Indo of some 500 Indos stranded in China due transportation and other complications, and thus practically Chicom hostages. (Among these, he said, are several PKI militants who will not return.) Sutarto said "we have understanding" with Marines now on guard at Chicom Emb, and "when time is ripe they will help us."

7. Sutarto evidenced ^d~~an~~ conviction that firm measures must be meted out to PKI and accomplices. He said: "We will probably have to string up Aidit, Njoto and Lukman in Banteng Square in order show everybody what kind of people they are."

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He thought Njoto and Lukman had asylum in Djakarta palace, and did not know Aidit's whereabouts.

8. Sutarto's comments on other personalities: Appointment of Suharto is excellent; "he is good, strong man." Jusuf Muda Dalam is directly responsible for missing sum of 31 billion rupiah, total which has disappeared from various banks. Hardi will emerge on top of reconstituted PNI; Ali Sastroamidjojo will have to go, since his left-wing is completely discredited with revelation of shelter it has given to PKI. Ruslan ~~Abdulk~~ Abdulgani is weak and vacillating; his principal aim is to be in right place at right time to get Subandrio's job. Sukirman lost his job as head of RRI through his ~~own~~ refusal Oct 1 to answer summons from his boss, Info Minister Achmadi, and his going off instead with contingent of Untung's Tjakrabirawa men.

9. As for Air Force, Sutarto said grimly: "Omar Dani must resign or we will have to kill him." Four other AURI officers must go too: Sri Muljono, Suryadarm^a~~s~~, Abdoerachmat, ~~(R)~~ and one other not named.

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10. Sutarto had earlier talked with one of Untung's interrogators and reported Untung "saying a lot of things," including definite implication PKI in 30 Sept Movement. Untung severely beaten up by captors and interrogators, and Sutarto had suggested that more gentle treatment likely to elicit fuller testimony. (Moslem youth source told Emb off Untung had also put bee on Subandrio.)

11. COMMENT: Sutarto's visit to Emboff residence punctuated by separate arrivals Moslem youth leader and family of anti-PKI journalist who has been in seclusion. People are beginning to ^{see} us again; general atmosphere seems genuinely lighter. Most encouraging of all, there are more signs people actually, if still somewhat incredulously, putting blame where it belongs. Whether Sukarno/PKI iron grip broken remains to be seen, but one thoughtful Indonesian speaking of former~~ly~~ inflated concept of President, said to Emboff last night in words that reflect what is reaching us from various sources, "I tell you, the balloon has burst."

12. While Sutarto's rationale for demonstrations and raids is of course reverse of line GOI used to feed us, i. e. that

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anger of people is aroused, it nevertheless is interesting and
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understands.

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