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1. Security Situation. We continue receive reports PKI being slaughtered by Ansor many areas East Java. Missionary, who returned from Kediri Nov 21 said local Missionary there had seen 25 bodies in river while Missionary Modjokerto told her he had seen 29 in river. She heard largest slaughter had taken place at Tulungagung where reportedly 15000 Communists killed. According numerous sources, killing of PKI continues in villages bordering Surabaya and wounded released from Surabaya refuse return to their homes. According head East Java Railways, 5 stations closed because workers afraid come to work since some of them have been murdered. Actors in Ludruk (popular Farcial Theatre) shows, which have long been PKI kingdom, have in several instances reportedly been murdered. Victims, who have had temerity to continue cast aspersions at Islam have had throats cut by Ansor youths. Also reportedly killings here in East Java have coloration of Holy War: killing of Infidel supposed give ticket to heaven and if blood of victim rubbed on face path there even more assured.

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A. (COMMENT: None of these reports of slaughters so far include Madiun, which culturally extension Central Java and has few Moslems. Possible that same bodies seen floating by in different cities. Also figures, particularly number supposedly killed Tulungagung, must be taken with heavy grain salt, but still they indication widespread slaughter. Kediri, where slaughtering seems to have begun (Ref B), may ~~be~~ be calming somewhat. This regard, Press Nov 22 reported that Curfew lifted Kediri municipality and Regency with exception 3 sub-districts.)

B. PKI refugees have apparently entered Malang area and seem to be creating minor security threat (Ref C). Missionary from village near Batu (about 10 kilometers Northeast Malang) reported that in nearby hills there were estimated 40 to 200 PKI who military officer told him were refugees from Kediri, Blitar and other areas. Missionary said local Hansip has been armed and that he saw 3 truck loads troops move into area. He also explained that area good haven for PKI since it rich in vegetables and has large percentage former PKI adherents. So far refugees in hills seem to have done little harm, except for burning godown. We also have Missionary report that band of some 400 men raided Japanese Dam Project and 1 Indo killed. Japconsul, however has had no rpt no word of this.

C. In city Malang press Nov 23 reported 150 PKI arrested in recent days.

2. Another Battalion returns. Bratawidjaja division's 507 battalion arrived Surabaya port Nov 20. According press, it will be used for "crushing Gestapu" East Java. (Comment: many reports indicate anti-PKI elements look forward to Basuki departure and hope his successor will permit more active anti-PKI campaign in Surabaya.)

3. New garrison commander. On Nov 20 Lt Colonel Imam Munandar, former deputy asst II KODAM VIII replaced Lt Col Sukotjo, who acting mayor. (Last week Sukotjo told us he spending most

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his time on Mayorality ~~KHH~~ duties.)

4. Basuki to release command. On Nov 26 East Java mil commander Basuki Rachmat, who has been appointed army dep III, scheduled hand over his command to his successor. According Basuki, successor present deputy, ~~XXXX~~ Brig Gen Sunarjadi (Ref C).
 5. Partindo. According press, partindo branches Patjitan and Pare have dissolved themselves while Surabaya PPMI (Federation University Students Association) expelled Germino (Partindo University Students affiliate). Also, according press, Bali national front "deactivated" ots Partindo membership and requested Pres Sukarno ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ dissolve entire Partindo party.
 6. NU press ~~xxx~~ keeps hitting PKI. NU Obor Revolusi called for East Java Mil Commander to take cue from West Java mil commander and dissolve PKI. Paper also advocated formation "revolutionary courts" to try PKI members.
 7. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Surabaya Chinese having ~~tdifficulties~~. Despite rapid inflation, acting mayor Sukotjo reportedly Nov 22 ordered Chinese merchants reduce prices 30 percent. Further according Chinese sources, many Chinese stores closed Nov 17 and 18 because of rumored attack by Ansor.
 8. Economic. NU in press came out strongly against ~~xxxx~~ rising gasoline and kerosene prices. So far no other group has objected.
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