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COUNTRY: (U) INDONESIA (ID). (b)(3):10 USC 424

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SUBJECT: (U) [Redacted] ABRI RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (U).

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DOI: (U) 980513.

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REQS: (U)

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SOURCE: A. (U)

B. (C)

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SUMMARY: (C) THE ABRI RULES OF ENGAGEMENT HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED

BY THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP. HOWEVER, ON 980512, THERE WERE MULTIPLE BLATANT VIOLATIONS AT TRISAKTI UNIVERSITY FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD (ABOUT ONE HOUR) IN SITUATIONS THAT WERE VERY UNPROVOCATIVE--A BIG BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATION/DISCIPLINE.

TEXT: 1. (U) THIS REPORT RESPONDS IN PART TO (b)(3):10 USC 424

2. (C) AT 1810 LOCAL TIME (1110Z) ON 980513, [REDACTED] FINALLY GOT A TELEPHONE CALL THROUGH TO SOURCE A AFTER UNSUCCESSFULLY TRYING (b)(3):10 USC 424

MOST OF THE DAY--THEY WERE ALWAYS IN MEETINGS. HE SAYS THAT THE SENIOR ABRI LEADERSHIP HAS NOT CHANGED THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT CONCERNING HOW TO DEAL WITH DEMONSTRATIONS--THERE HAS BEEN NO ORDER TO FIRE LIVE AMMUNITION OTHER THAN TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF SECURITY PERSONNEL. NOT BEING IN AN OPERATIONAL BILLET AT THIS TIME, HE COULD NOT RECITE THE EXACT SEQUENCE OF CONDITIONS AND RESPONSES, BUT THE RESPONSES ESCALATE ALONG THE LINES OF--

- A. BATONS
- B. TEAR GAS
- C. WARNING SHOTS WITH BLANKS
- D. RUBBER BULLETS
- E. LIVE AMMUNITION (ONLY IN A LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION)

2. (C) [REDACTED] CONTINUED THAT THE POLICE COMMANDER HAD AUTHORIZED ONLY RUBBER BULLETS, BUT THEN CONTRADICTED HIMSELF BY (b)(1),1.4 (c)

SAYING THAT NOT EVERYONE HAD LIVE AMMUNITION--ONLY (PROBABLY) PLATOON COMMANDERS. THE OFFICIAL POLICY IS STILL TO KEEP THE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS UNLESS THEY WANT TO NEGOTIATE FOR SOMETHING

ELSE (E.G. A SHORT MARCH TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE). HE ALSO SAID THAT THE POLICE WERE STILL THE FIRST LINE WITH ARMY (KODAM AND KOSTRAD) TROOPS IN SUPPORT. THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO [REDACTED] NOTING THAT NO TRAFFIC POLICE HAD BEEN OBSERVED THAT MORNING, AND ASKING (b)(1),1.4 (c)

IF THE POLICE HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THEIR NORMAL DUTIES. HE HAD NOT HEARD ANY REPORTS OF SHOOTING TODAY, BUT WOULD CHECK INTO (b)(1),1.4 (c)

IT. (COMMENT--BY THIS TIME [REDACTED] HAD HEARD SEVERAL CREDIBLE REPORTS OF SHOOTING, BUT WITHOUT CASUALTIES, INDICATING THE USE OF BLANKS ONLY.) (b)(1),1.4 (c)

3. (C) CONCERNING YESTERDAY (980512) [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE KODAM MILITARY POLICE (POMDAM) WAS INVESTIGATING

THE INCIDENT IN WHICH SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE KILLED--HE SAID THE OFFICIAL NUMBER WAS 4 AND THAT 2 OR 3 OTHERS WERE IN CRITICAL CONDITION IN HOSPITAL. (COMMENT-- [REDACTED] HAS HEARD UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT UP TO FIFTEEN HAVE DIED FROM YESTERDAY'S SHOOTINGS.)

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4. (C) [REDACTED] HEARD FROM A HIGH RANKING ABRI OFFICER THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE ORDERS GIVEN TO THE TROOPS. YESTERDAY (980512), THE TROOPS WERE INSPECTED PRIOR TO GOING OUT, AND WERE ISSUED RUBBER BULLETS. THE TROOPS WERE NOT ISSUED LIVE AMMUNITION, BUT SOMEHOW BETWEEN LEAVING THE BARRACKS AND ARRIVING AT THE DEMONSTRATION SOME OF THEM OBVIOUSLY ACQUIRED SOME. THERE

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IS AN INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS TO DETERMINE WHERE THEY GOT THE LIVE AMMUNITION. TODAY THE TROOPS WERE SENT OUT WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO PROTECT THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT, AND TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH THE STUDENTS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

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COMMENTS: [REDACTED] 1. (C) THIS IS PROBABLY THE WORST PERFORMANCE BY ABRI SO FAR. IN MEDAN, THEY AT LEAST HAD THE EXCUSE THAT THEY WERE SPREAD WAY TOO THIN. YESTERDAY, THERE IS NO SATISFACTORY REASON WHY THE SHOOTING STARTED IN THE FIRST PLACE, LET ALONE WHY IT WENT ON FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. IT APPEARS THAT THERE WAS NO OVERALL COMMANDER ON SCENE (AT TRISAKTI UNIVERSITY)--UNITS MAY HAVE BEEN ARRAYED IN A HODGEPODGE MANNER

WITH VARIOUS COMMANDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNITS INTERSPERSED WITHIN ANOTHER COMMANDER'S UNITS.

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2. (C) [REDACTED] BASICALLY CONFIRM EACH OTHER, BUT BOTH OF THEM ARE ASSIGNED WELL AWAY FROM THE FRONT LINES AND MAY NOT HAVE A GOOD PICTURE OF WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING IN THE TRENCHES. BECAUSE THE SHOOTING WENT ON FOR SO LONG YESTERDAY AND HAS ERUPTED AGAIN TODAY (ALTHOUGH NONLETHAL SO

FAR), IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE ARE FACTIONS WITHIN ABRI WHO ARE TRYING TO PROMOTE CHAOS, POSSIBLE TO DISCREDIT THOSE CURRENTLY IN

POWER (I.E. WIRANTO).

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3. (U) [REDACTED] PLEASE REFER ANY QUESTIONS/COMMENTS TO

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