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CIA Role in Indonesia?

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Jakarta, Indonesia

United States Ambassador Howard P. Jones has denied that any American agency has supported any movement hostile toward the Indonesian Government, an embassy spokesman says.

President Sukarno said in a speech Feb. 23 that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was using the banned "Body for the Promotion of Sukarnoism" (BPS) to oppose communism in Indonesia. He said the CIA's slogan was "Sukarnoism to Kill Sukarnoism and Sukarno."

The Embassy spokesman said Mr. Jones met President Sukarno twice in the past two days to discuss problems affecting Indonesian-American relations, and that Indonesia has authorized access for Americans to United States Information Service libraries in Surabaya, Jogjakarta, and Jakarta.

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Not the CIA

DJAKARTA — U.S. Ambassador Howard P. Jones said he "categorically denied" a charge by President Sukarno that the Central Intelligence Agency supported an Indonesian anti-Communist group called "Body for the Promotion of Sukarnoism," which Sukarno banned in December. Jones said no American agency had ever backed any group trying to overthrow Sukarno.