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1. Major General Abdul Kadir* arrived in Kabul, September 1948, to open a legation and to serve as Minister from the Indonesian Republic to Afghanistan. Although Kadir is accredited to the Afghanistan Government and the Indonesian Republic is recognized by the latter government, Kadir has refrained from officially presenting himself to the other diplomatic missions at Kabul.
2. Kadir claims to be in constant communication with his government and also claims that this communication with his government comes from somewhere in the mountains of Java, via a British possession. He has made several trips to New Delhi in order to supervise the training of twenty air cadets who are at two different civil aviation schools in India.
3. Kadir seems to be well disposed toward Americans and claims that the main hope of the Indonesians is for American intervention on their behalf. Though he feels closely akin to the Dutch people, Kadir states that he cannot justify the stand of the Netherlands Government. He further states that the only hope for Indonesia is a strong independent Moslem state.
4. Abdul Kadir, who is 43 years old, was born in central Java. Upon completion of primary and secondary schools in Java, Kadir went to Leyden, Holland, to study for the Dutch foreign service. After five years of study there, he spent a year at the University of Lausanne concentrating upon French. He then took and passed the Dutch foreign service examinations. He speaks almost perfect English, excellent French and German, perfect Dutch, fair Arabic, native Malay, and several other Indonesian languages.
5. After completion of his foreign service examinations, Kadir was stationed at Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, in 1934, and served there until 1941, at which time he was the Charge d'Affaires. When war broke out he returned to Java and served as an artillery officer, having obtained a reserve commission while at school. Kadir claims to have helped organize the National Indonesian army under the patronage of the Japanese and to have been in charge of the evacuation of Japanese troops after V-J day. He became a Major General in the Indonesian

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army upon the foundation of the Republic. Kadir has a wife and four children still in Jogjakarta and he fears that they might suffer reprisals from the Dutch. His wife is Sundanese.

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* Comment. Major General Abdul Kadir is not to be confused with Abdul Kadir of the Netherlands Indies Civil Administration (NICA) forces who served in Australia under Van Hook, and who was appointed governor of the eastern islands when they were first liberated.

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