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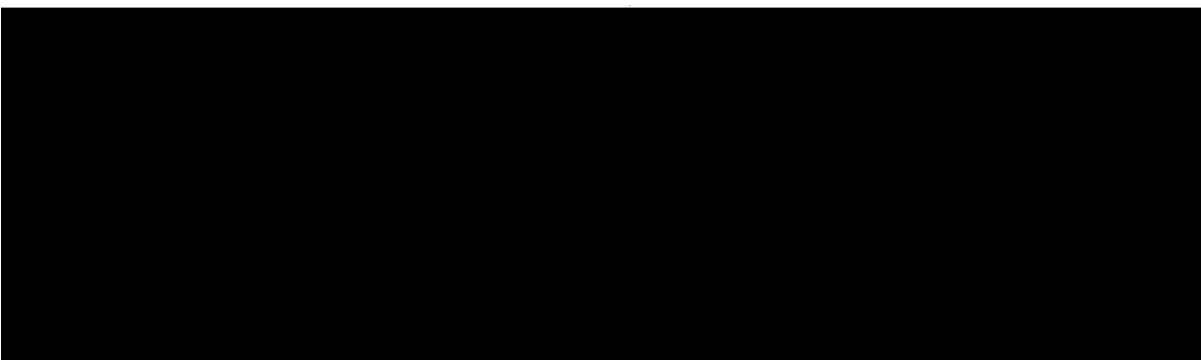
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1. The following Communist leaders have directed the current wave of armed terrorism, lootings, and murders on estates in Malng and Besuki Residences:

- Ruslan Chairman of the Surabaya section of the Partai Komunis Indonesia (PKI)
- Sugiono A leader in the Ikatan Pemuda Peladjar Indonesia (IPPI)
- Abidin Effendi Commander of the guerrilla force known as the Barisan Kutjing Hitam, now regrouping along the Indian Ocean coast of East Java
- Subardi and Sutomo Both Commissars of the SOBSI in Surabaya.

2. Chinese Communists supporting this lawlessness are OEN Tjhing Tiauw, a Communist agitator who runs a bookstore at Kapsan Lor 16, Surabaya, and CHU Kwan Kuk, of the Malayan Communist Party but fronting as the manufacturers of "Rex" limonade at Djember in Besuki.

3. The attacks on the estates have been carried out by well-armed gangs, always under 50 men in strength, wearing steel helmets and military clothes. Of some 100 tobacco drying sheds in Besuki, over 75 percent have been burned by the raiders. Ten Dutchmen and about 75 Indonesians have been murdered on the estates after having been robbed by the attacking gangs. Losses are estimated a over 100 million rupiahs.

4. Field headquarters for many of these gangs are near Pasirian, just south of Mt. Semeru. It is rumored that these red forces received arms and supplies from an obscure fishing village near the mouth of the Glidik River, which

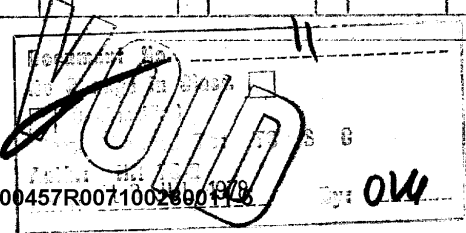
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empties into the Indian Ocean. Small sea-going native vessels bring equipment from Malaya, via the Sunda Straits and Indian Ocean, and unload their cargoes at this point.

5. There are still many followers of Colonel Sungkono among the lower ranks of the Angkatan Perang Republik Indonesia (APRI) I Division in East Java. Their purpose seems to be one of non-cooperation with the efforts of the Government and the army to restore law and order. When the Government's arms surrender order came out, there were many guerrillas who were anxious to return to a peaceful civilian life, but had been afraid of the reprisals the Government might take against them. After the irregulars made overtures to the local military commanders, usually a meeting place was decided upon where the guerrillas could turn in their arms to Government troops and supposedly be assured of fair treatment. However, usually some of Sungkono's men were among the group sent out to meet the irregulars. Just as the two units were about to meet, the followers of Sungkono would create an incident, and shooting would begin on both sides. The guerrillas then retreated to their hideouts, and the Government forces would withdraw. The irregulars were angered by this breach of faith on the part of the army, and felt the Government was merely trying to trick them into surrendering. As a result, the embittered irregulars renewed their lawless activity with greater force, and the present terrorism in East Java is the outcome.

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[REDACTED] OEN Tjhing Tiauw of Kapasan Lor, Surabaya, had been negotiating with lawless elements in Kapasan for their possible reorganization into a Communist-led terrorist band. OEN was said to have received instructions from Dr. TJOA Seik In. SO-47503, August 1950, reported that OEN's bookstore in Surabaya served as a meeting place for various Communist and subversive elements, among which was a group of agents known as Moscow 555, which had been specially trained and sent out from Singapore by the Malayan Communist Party to create disturbances in East Java.

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[REDACTED] No doubt both factors noted in this report contribute to the disorders in East Java.

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