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JANUARY 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT  
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEM

SINGAPORE-INDONESIAN SPLIT: LIM BIAN KIE, AIDE TO INDO-  
NESIAN PRESIDENTIAL CONFIDANT ALI MURTOPO, TOLD AN EMBASSY  
JAKARTA OFFICER THAT SUHARTO IS "FURIOUS" OVER SINGAPORE'S  
ABSTENTION ON THE UNGA TIMOR RESOLUTION WHEN ALL OTHER  
ASEAN COUNTRIES JOINED INDONESIA IN OPPOSING IT. SUHARTO  
THOUGHT HE HAD OBTAINED PRIME MINISTER LEE'S "UNDERSTANDING"  
OF THE INDONESIAN POSITION ON TIMOR DURING AN EARLY SEPTEN-  
BER HALL MEETING, AND SINGAPORE'S VOTE CAME AS A "VERY  
COOL SHOWER." ACCORDING TO LIM BIAN KIE, GOOD RELATIONS  
BETWEEN SUHARTO AND LEE ARE GONE -- PROBABLY FOR EVER.  
IN RETALIATION, LIM SAID THERE IS SPECULATION THAT SUHARTO  
WILL SEEK TO ABORT THE PLANNED ASEAN SUMMIT AT THE END OF  
JANUARY. FURTHERMORE, INDONESIA IS MUCH LESS LIKELY TO  
BE AMENABLE TO INCREASED INTRA-ASEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION,  
WHICH SINGAPORE FAVORS. EMBASSY JAKARTA COMMENTED THAT  
WHILE THE SUHARTO-LEE SPLIT MAY EVENTUALLY BE PAPERED OVER,  
THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS DOES NOT AUGUR WELL FOR THE  
PROJECTED ASEAN SUMMIT. (QUINN)

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