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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS

CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE

DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Military Activities in Indonesia

Continued contact with the Indonesian military can serve US national security interests and contribute to our efforts to urge ABRI and other Indonesian authorities to exercise restraint. However, in the current situation in Indonesia, careful policy-level review of individual activities is necessary.

Accordingly, effective immediately, and until further notice, all US military activities in Indonesia will require prior approval by the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. This review process is prudent in view of the unsettled political situation in Indonesia, and the related prospects for violence and instability.

All currently planned FY98 military exercises, training events, subject matter expert reschanges, service-to-service programs or other DoD activities should be submitted for review, through appropriate channels, to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy by 15 May 98. Submissions should include a detailed explanation of the type of activity, the US and Indonesian units/personnel involved, the location and duration of the activity, and whether the activity is new or recurring. Any other proposed bilateral defense or military activities should be similarly notified as soon as possible. No activity will proceed without the explicit authorization of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

In addition, until further notice, official DoD travel to Indonesia will require prior approval by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

