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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY POL COUNSELOR ED MCWILLIAMS;
REASON 1.5(D).

2. (C) SUMMARY: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT THE FACILITY
USED TO DETAIN "DISAPPEARED" ACTIVISTS COULD BE A
SPECIAL FORCES (KOPASSUS) FACILITY SOUTH OF JAKARTA. A
STUDENT SOURCE HAS SAID THAT A KOPASSUS UNIT AND ITS
FORMER COMMANDER, LT GEN PRABOWO, ARE INVOLVED. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NOTED THAT THE BODY IS PRESSING
FOR A MULTI-AGENCY INVESTIGATION OF THE DISAPPEARANCES,
AND NOT ONE RUN BY THE MILITARY AS THAT WOULD LACK
CREDIBILITY. HE ALSO ARGUED THAT GENERAL WIRANTO COULD
BE DAMAGED POLITICALLY IF HE WERE TO LEAD SUCH AN
INVESTIGATION. END SUMMARY

WHERE WERE ACTIVISTS DISAPPEARED TO?

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BELIEVES THE FACILITY DESCRIBED BY RECENT
DISAPPEARANCE VICTIMS AS THE LOCATION WHERE THEY WERE
DETAINED (REFTELS) IS A MILITARY FACILITY LOCATED
BETWEEN JAKARTA AND BOGOR.

4. (C) SPECIFICALLY, [REDACTED]
BELIEVES THE FACILITY IS THE OLD "KOPASSUS TEAM 81 ANTI-
TERRORIST UNIT" FACILITY LOCATED OFF THE OLD ROAD TO
BOGOR. [REDACTED] SAID THAT BOTH PIUS LUSTRILANANG'S
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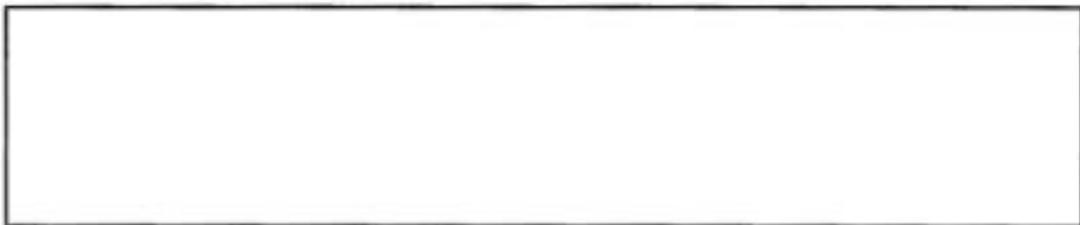
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PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND TESTIMONY GIVEN CONFIDENTIALLY TO
THE COMMISSION BY DISAPPEARANCE VICTIMS "POINTED
STRONGLY" TO THE TEAM 81 FACILITY AS THE LOCATION OF THE
DETENTIONS AND TORTURE. IN PASSING, [REDACTED] MENTIONED
THAT VICTIMS REPORTED HAVING HEARD MILITARY BUGLE CALLS,
AND THAT GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTIONS LED THE COMMISSION TO
SUSPECT THE "TEAM 81 SITE."

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5. (C) SEPARATELY, A LEADER OF A MASS STUDENT ORGANIZATION TOLD POLOFF THAT HE WAS INFORMED BY A KOPASSUS SOURCE THAT THE DISAPPEARANCES WERE CARRIED OUT BY "GROUP FOUR" OF KOPASSUS, UNDER THE COMMAND OF "CHAIRAWAN." HE SAID THAT HIS SOURCE (NOT PART OF GROUP FOUR) SAID THERE ARE CONFLICTS AMONG KOPASSUS DIVISIONS, AND THAT GROUP 4 IS STILL UNDER THE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF PRABOWO. DISAPPEARANCES WERE ORDERED BY PRABOWO, WHO WAS FOLLOWING AN ORDER FROM PRESIDENT SOEHARTO.



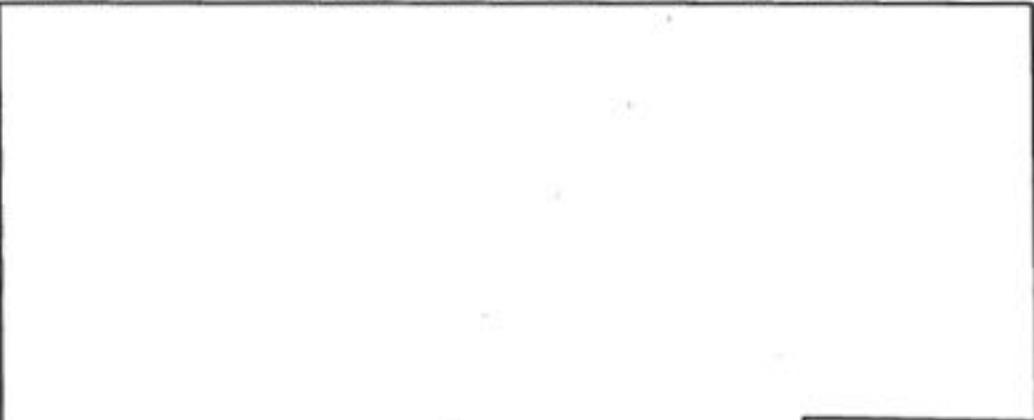
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HOW TO INVESTIGATE THE DISAPPEARANCES:

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[REDACTED] HAD URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO SET UP A "DISAPPEARANCE INVESTIGATION COMMISSION" ALONG THE LINES OF THE COMMISSION SET UP TO INVESTIGATE THE DILI MASSACRE IN 1991. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] AN EXCLUSIVELY ABRI COMMISSION WOULD HAVE NO

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CREDIBILITY. THE COMMISSION ENVISAGED [REDACTED] WOULD INVOLVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MINISTRIES OF JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE SUPREME COURT, THE DPR AND THE MILITARY. [REDACTED] SAID THAT FORCES WITHIN ABRI OPPOSED TO WIRANTO (HE NAMED LIEUTENANT GENERAL PRABOWO) WOULD USE THE INVESTIGATION

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AGAINST WIRANTO. IF IT PRODUCED A LESS THAN CREDIBLE
SOLUTION, WIRANTO WOULD LOSE FACE. IF HE PROBED TOO
DEEPLY, HE MIGHT ANGER THE PRESIDENT. "OUR SOLUTION IS
BEST FOR HIM AND FOR THE COUNTRY," CONCLUDED [REDACTED]
ARMED FORCES COMMANDER IN CHIEF WIRANTO HAS STATED
PUBLICLY HIS INTENT TO FORM AN ALL MILITARY
INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION.

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9. (C) COMMENT: [REDACTED] OBSERVATION IS ALREADY
CIRCULATING IN THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MEDIA COMMUNITY
THOUGH IT HAS NOT BEEN PRINTED IN ANY MEDIA THAT WE HAVE
SEEN. PUBLIC SPECULATION ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THOSE
RESPONSIBLE WILL PUT ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON THE
GOVERNMENT TO GET ON WITH ITS PROMISED INVESTIGATION.
SUCH PUBLIC SPECULATION AND A SERIOUS INVESTIGATION,
SHOULD ONE BE LAUNCHED, WILL HAVE UNPREDICTABLE
CONSEQUENCES FOR THOSE STILL DETAINED.

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