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SUHARTO CONFERS WITH LON NOL, HEARS NEGOTIATION PLANS

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[Text] President Lon Nol told President Suharto in Bali late this afternoon that he left his country in order to open the possibility for a settlement of the Cambodian problem through negotiations between his government and the Khmer Rouge. Minister-State Secretary Sudharmono stated this tonight at Halim Perdanakusumah Airport when President Suharto and his party returned to the capital from a 3-day informal visit to Australia.

He said that during the meeting with President Suharto, President Lon Nol said that his departure and policy were supported by trusted officials and leaders entrusted to run the present Cambodian Government as well as the people of the Khmer Republic.

President Lon Nol also explained that if his policy receives no favorable reaction from the Khmer Rouge, or if the Khmer Rouge is not willing to hold talks, the Phnom Penh officials will continue to wage the struggle together with the Cambodian people.

Minister Sudharmono said that President Suharto supported President Lon Nol's policy aimed at opening the way for holding talks with the Khmer Rouge. Sudharmono concluded that Indonesia would, to a certain degree, help bring about a settlement of the Cambodian problem through talks since this is in conformity with the UN decision which calls for a peaceful settlement.

The meeting between the two presidents in Bali today lasted approximately 1 hour. During the meeting, President Suharto was accompanied by Foreign Minister Adam Malik and Minister-State Secretary Sudharmono, while President Lon Nol was accompanied by Prime Minister Long Boret. President Suharto wished President Lon Nol a pleasant stay in Bali.

Possible ASEAN Role in Negotiations

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[Text] Cambodian First Minister Long Boret and his wife left Bali this morning for Phnom Penh via Jakarta and Bangkok. On his flight from Bali to Jakarta Long Boret was accompanied by Indonesian Foreign Minister Adam Malik. Long Boret said the meeting between President Suharto and President Lon Nol was very useful. During the meeting President Lon Nol expressed the hope that Indonesia and other ASEAN countries would endeavor to bring peace to the Cambodian people who are now fighting each other.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Adam Malik said that the national resilience of each nation in Southeast Asia is very important for the resilience of this region, especially with the latest developments in Indochina. Speaking to newsmen in Denpasar, Bali, yesterday, Adam Malik said Indonesia does not believe in the so called "domino theory," because what is most important for a country is its national resilience and ability to defend its people.

Foreign Minister Adam Malik said Indonesia is not worried about what may happen in the Khmer Republic in the future. However, he said, Indonesia will remain alert.

Touching on the situation in Thailand, Adam Malik said that country should exhort its people not to be influenced by the communists.