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SUBJECT: SEARCH FOR ASSASSINS OF POLICE IN ACEH.

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THE INDONESIAN ARMY HAS BLOCKED THE ROADS FROM LANGSA TO LHOKSEUMAWE IN ACEH IN THEIR SEARCH FOR THE ASSASSINS OF A POLICE OFFICER ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 26. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL SOURCES, ALL CARS ARE BEING STOPPED AND SEARCHED; REPORTEDLY SOME INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING.

3. MOBIL OIL INDONESIA IS AWARE THAT THE INDONESIAN ARMY IS "CHECKING CARS ON THE ROADS." ACCORDING TO LES CARGILE, DIRECTOR OF MOBIL OIL IN LHOK SUKON, MOBIL HAS NOT YET FORMALLY INSTRUCTED ITS STAFF TO STAY OFF THE ROADS.

4. [ ] HAS SUGGESTED TO P.O. THAT STRONG INDONESIAN MILITARY REACTION MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A NUMBER OF FACTORS. AFTER THE MURDER OF TWO SOLDIERS ON MAY 25 IN ACEH PIDIE A MILITARY OFFICER OF ACHENESE DESCENT WAS SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED TO THE LHOKSEUMAWE KOREM TO ENSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MORE INCIDENTS, CONFIDENTIAL

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APPARENTLY WITHOUT SUCCESS. [ ] ALSO NOTED RISING CONCERN AMONG LOCAL INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE RECENT RETURN OF LIBYAN-TRAINED SUMATRANS. FINALLY, P.O. HAS LEARNED FROM SEVERAL LOCAL SOURCES THAT KODAM IS CONCERNED THAT SMALL
GROUPS OF RADICALS MAY ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT POPE'S VISIT TO MEDAN.

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