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1. The Portuguese Counsellor called on me this afternoon to say that there would be arriving in London on 8 March a Portuguese delegation to have talks with the Indonesians about Timor. On the Portuguese side the delegation would comprise the Minister without Portfolio with Special Responsibility for Defence (Alves), the Minister for Interterritorial Co-ordination (Almeida Santos), the State Secretary at the MFA (Campinos) and the Chef de Cabinet of the last mentioned. Senhor Barata said that on the Indonesian side their delegation would be headed by a General.

2. The talks would be held in the Portuguese Embassy on 9 March and the Portuguese delegation would leave either that day or on 10 March. The Portuguese wish was that the visit of their delegation and the talks should be kept confidential. The Ambassador was arranging for the VIP suite at the airport. I asked whether we could help in any way; Senhor Barata thanked me for my offer but declined to take it up.

3. You kindly offered to arrange for further copying of this minute that you consider necessary.

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