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1. During my recent visit to Indonesia, the Director of the Indonesian Department of Foreign Affairs' International Organisations Division, Imrod Idris , took the opportunity to thank me officially for the attitude adopted by the British delegation, during the recent United Nations debates about Timor. I gather that such appreciation has also been conveyed to HM Embassy in Jakarta.

2. Far from taking umbrage against the UK for our association with the Security Council vote criticising the Indonesians, the Indonesians were evidently much gratified at the way in which the British delegation took account of their interests, and considered that the language of the final resolution was one they could quite well live with (UKMIS New York tel No 2241/75, sub-para 7(B) refers).

3. After acknowledging the Indonesian message on your Mission's behalf, I expressed the hope that Indonesian behaviour over Timor would not, in future, be such as to pose problems for friendly-disposed powers in the UN. I also took it upon myself to say that we had not appreciated the Indonesians' co-sponsorship of the Malaysian resolution on Brunei in November 1975.

4. In the latter connection, Rengi Sathiah, my Malaysian opposite number, wanted to play down the significance of his country's sponsorship of Azahari. No more had been involved, he claimed, than help with Azahari's travel expenses. The discussion ended when I asked whether the Malaysians would see nothing wrong in our sponsoring Chin Peng in similar circumstances.

Yours ever,

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