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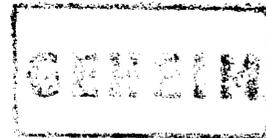
Opmerkingen:

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Indonesia/USSR

RUSSIAN OFFER OF ONE CRUISER AND FOUR DESTROYERS TO INDONESIA

1. The British Military Attache in Jakarta was told privately on 15 March by Colonel LIE of the Indonesian Navy that during KHRUSHCHEV's visit the Russians had offered Indonesia immediate delivery of one cruiser and four destroyers. The offer had been declined. LIE said that it was true that the Navy could do with more ships but they did not want so much material from the Soviet Bloc that they would become entirely dependent on them.

2. According to a report from PKI circles on 15 March, the question of heavy arms for Indonesia from USSR was raised personally by SUKARNO with KHRUSHCHEV. According to information received by the Central Committee of the PKI from the Soviet Embassy, the USSR agreed to supply arms on credit and the PKI hopes that an agreement will be drawn up during DJUANDA's forthcoming visit to Moscow. The Central Committee had asked the Veterans Legion Central (a front PKI organisation) to remain on the alert for any discussion in military and political circles concerning SUKARNO's discussions with KHRUSHCHEV.

Comment: 1) Although the Indonesians have no dry dock facilities for a cruiser, it is known that they have attempted to purchase from Western Sources in the past.

2) These slightly conflicting reports indicate that SUKARNO is attempting to force Soviet Arms on to the unwilling Armed Services, and that no agreement has yet been made.

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