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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS, DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY, as reported in Melbourne Press.

December 28 - Italian diplomat Winspeare Guicciardi, director-general of U.N. European office chosen by secretary general Waldheim as his special representative in the crisis. Age, 29-12-75.

The off-shore island of Atauro was today declared part of Indonesia. Age, 30-12-75.

Indonesian planes bombed the central Aileu region and attempted to land paratroopers according to Fretilin. (for details see message) Age, 29-12-75.

Foreign Affairs Minister Peacock urge "those claiming to be the provisional government of East Timor to give every assistance to U.N. Envoy. Age, 29-12-75.

December 29 - Internal Affairs Minister Fernandes announced by radio the fall of Aileu, a Fretilin stronghold, to Indonesian forces. (In Darwin the former chief of staff of the Portuguese Army in Timor said that the fall of Aileu did not mean the end of Fretilin resistance. "It is more of a psychological victory than anything else. In terms of guerilla warfare it has little significance except in people's minds it is linked with Fretilin.") (for details see Communication 19) Age, 30-12-75.

New China News Agency reported the arrival in Peking of a D.R.E.T. delegation led by Defence Minister Rogerio Lobato. The brief report said that it was "a friendly visit by invitation." The Sun, 30-12-75.

December 30 - In Sydney today officials of three of the country's largest trade unions (Building Worker's Industrial Union, Australian Metal Worker's Union and the Miner's Federation) said, "We demand the total withdrawal of all Indonesian troops in line with the unanimous decision of the U.N. Security Council resolution." Age, 30-12-75.

Four Anglican Bishops sent a telegram to Prime Minister Fraser calling for an Australian initiative to set up a neutral zone to allow the Red Cross in the country. Age, 30-12-75.

Foreign Minister Chiao Kuan-hua pledged that China would firmly support the Timorese revolutionary movement, Fretilin. Age, 31-12-75.

Michael Richardson reports that the Department of Foreign Affairs advised the Government to abstain from voting in the U.N. General Assembly's condemnation of Indonesia. Age, 30-12-75.

In Melbourne today a stop work meeting of members of the Waterside Workers Federation condemned the Indonesian invasion of East Timor. Age, 30-12-75.

Foreign Minister Peacock urged the self proclaimed pro-Indonesian government to admit the U.N. envoy "without delay or prevarication." He rejected criticisms that Australia had "turned its back" on the Timor situation furthermore, he said "should a refugee situation arise the Government would wish to adopt a generous attitude." He also renewed his call to Indonesia to let the Red Cross in to East Timor. Age, 30-12-75.

December 31 - Speaking in an 'unofficial' capacity, ALP member and industrial officer with the Royal Australian Nursing Federation, Mr. Geoff MacDonald called on the Australian Government to support the Indonesian intervention in East Timor because neither Indonesia nor Australia can afford another Cuba on its doorstep. Herald, 31-12-75.

Major Indonesian officials say they received private assurances early on that Peking would not help Fretilin but for the sake of the record would have to condemn any obvious intervention. Age, 1-1-76.

In an end of the year address President Suharto reiterated that Indonesia supported a, normal, orderly and peaceful decolonisation process in Portuguese Timor.

In New York, DRET Foreign Minister Horta said that Indonesian forces now controlled about one third of the territory. Age, 1-1-76.

January 1 - Antara News Agency quoted Thomas Goncalves commander of pro-Indonesian forces in Dili as saying that the U.N. would be making a "big mistake" if it sent a special envoy to Portuguese Timor. Age, 2-1-76.

January 2 - DRET Internal Affairs Minister Fernandes gave an account of the slaughter of Roger East and some leading figures of the Timorese nationalist movement in Dili on December 7. (see message No. 23) Age, 5-1-76.

January 4 - In response to a proposal from DRET Prime Minister Lobato to establish a neutral zone in the Fretilin controlled Same region, I.C.R.C. delegate Mr. H. Richard said in Darwin today that Red Cross would be unable to enter East Timor unless the other parties agreed to the neutral zone. (neutral zone - see message 24.) Age, 6-1-76.

January 5 - Jakarta, State-owned Radio Republic Indonesia claimed that pro-Indonesian forces now controlled two thirds of East Timor including now the town of Manatuto. Mario Carrascalao (UDT) said that clashes between Fretilin and pro-Indonesian forces were continuing but were "not significant". Age, 6-1-76.

National Times today revealed that "two weeks ago Australian Ambassador to Jakarta, Dick Woolcott, quietly visited Indonesian fleet headquarters to hand over two Australian-built Nomad patrol aircraft to the Indonesian navy." The usually energetic Australian Information Service did not put out any press release on the matter. National Times, 5.10-1-76.

The interim chairman of the Liberal Movement, Mr. Farran urged Foreign Affairs Minister Peacock to accompany U.N. envoy on his trip to East Timor. Age, 6-1-76.

January 6 - The Portuguese corvette, Joao Roby, operating under direct radio command from Lisbon, sailed from Darwin today. The captain, Carlos da Costa Pecorelli, said his orders were to sail for the "general region of Timor" to show the flag". Age, 7-1-76.

From Jakarta, Indonesian sources say Roger East may be alive. They said he left Dili and retreated to the mountains. Age, 7-1-76.

January 7 - The Trade Union Peace and Solidarity Committee representing 30 Victorian unions today called for tough Government and union action to oppose the Indonesian invasion of East Timor. Age, 8-1-76.

Fretilin claim that Javanese troops in Baucau are forcing helpless population to prepare a demonstration of welcome for Malik. (see message 26.) Age, 8-1-76.

DRET Foreign Minister Ramos Horta said U.N. envoys activities would be restricted to a small Indonesia controlled area. He claimed Fretilin controlled 80% of the territory. Australian, 8-1-76.

Edited M. Heading, 12-1-76.

THE TIMOR STORY by Helen Hill - a 22 page outline of the Timor situation from 16th century to December 1975. Available now at T.I.S. office, 100 Flinders Street. Single copies 50c. (+20c. posted). 25% reduction per orders of 20 or more. Highly recommended.

The following item is re-printed direct from 'Indonesian Newsletter', No. 41/75 17th November, 1975. The Newsletter is produced by the Embassy of Indonesia, Canberra.

"CANBERRA, - The President of the Australia-Indonesia Business Co-operation Committee, Mr. Bryan Kelman, recently despatched a cable on behalf of member-companies of the Committee, copies of which have also been sent to the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia.

The message reads as follows: "On behalf of 160 Australian member companies of Australia-Indonesia Business Co-operation Committee, I urge you have regard for strong commercial and investment links existing between Australia and Indonesia as basis on which future cordial relations must be built. AIBCC regards Indonesian response to date in Timor as most tolerant and responsible and abhors actions and attitudes of minorities in both countries aimed at prejudicing Australia-Indonesia relations. AIBCC urges government to resist pressures for any form of censure by Australia."

The telegram was answered by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia on behalf of the Government of Australia. In his reply the Minister said: "The Australian Government of course is aware of the importance of the commercial links which have been established between Australia and Indonesia and, like you, wishes to see these links maintained and further strengthened. I would also agree with you that President Soeharto's Government has acted with considerable restraint in confronting the problems which face Indonesia in relation to Portuguese Timor." The Minister furthermore assured the AIBCC that in considering Australian policy towards the Portuguese Timor problem, the Australia-Indonesia relationship will remain one of the facts foremost in his minds."

(Ed. - We do not know which Minister for Foreign Affairs replied to the telegram, but we feel the Indonesian spelling has coped admirably with the problem.)

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR OFFICES IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW YORK.

On Sunday 11th January an Australian Office for the Government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor was opened in Melbourne. The office is at 3rd. Floor, 93 Drummond Street, Carlton. Mr. Chris Santos, Information Officer for the Dept. of Foreign Affairs of DRET will staff the office. At the opening News Conference Mr. Santos issued a detailed outline of the current military, political and medical situation in East Timor. Copies of his address are available from the DRET office.

A DRET office was also opened in New York by Jose Ramos Horta, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Information from East Timor that has come to Australia has been passed on to a number of groups in America who have organised meetings and demonstrations - more details later.

BRITISH CAMPAIGN FOR AN INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR.

In London, 110 Members of Parliament signed a resolution condemning Indonesian aggression against Timor. The resolution, presented in the House on 9th December, 1975, said, "that this House condemns the invasion of Timor by armed forces of Indonesia as an act of flagrant aggression designed to deny the people of a newly decolonised territory the right of national self-determination; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to take a firm stand against Indonesia on this issue in the United Nations and to inform the Indonesian authorities that all British commitments to supply aid will be reviewed unless their troops are withdrawn forthwith."

NEW GROUPS FOR EAST TIMOR.

On Wednesday 7th January, Mr. Chris Santos spoke at a meeting of some 60 people in Hobart, during which a Tasmanian branch of the Australia East Timor Association was formed. Later in the week members of the group demonstrated at the Davis Cup zone match between Australia and Indonesia.

A Queensland branch of the Australia East Timor Association was formed in Brisbane on 5th January. Convenor is Brian Towler, 196B Mogill Rd., Taringa, Qld.

- Compiled M. Considine.

EAST TIMOR CALLING

EST: Australian Eastern Summer Time; CST: Australian Central Standard Time.

Passages designated "Communication" have not been transmitted with set texts. The texts given here are what have been used for press release purposes and are the direct reports of the communications.

COMMUNICATION 18: Received Melbourne 2 pm. EST by Dr. Bill Roberts, Chairman A.E.T.A. 29-12-75.

"AILEU FALLEN. EVACUATION BY SEA USELESS. INDONESIAN BLOCKADE ON LAND AND SEA. ONE AIRSTRIP UNDER FRETILIN CONTROL. LANDING ONLY SUITABLE FOR LIGHT PLANES. URGENTLY REQUEST EVACUATION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND OLD MEN."

ALARICO FERNANDES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND SECURITY MINISTER, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR.

COMMUNICATION 19: Received Melbourne late Monday night, 29-12-75 by Dr. Bill Roberts, Chairman A.E.T.A.

"AILEU FALLEN BUT FRETILIN FORCES WITHDRAWN TO HILLS AND FIGHTING ON. EVACUATION STILL POSSIBLE IF NEUTRAL ZONE ON SOUTH COAST CAN BE DECLARED. IT SHOULD BE DECLARED IN THE REGION OF A SOUTHERN PORT WHICH HAS AN AIRPORT IN THE VICINITY."

ALARICO FERNANDES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND SECURITY MINISTER, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR.

COMMUNICATION 20: Text and report of communication unavailable for publication - mainly personal details. Report of fighting still going on in Suai.

MESSAGE 21: Received Telecom-Darwin 2-1-76, 3.45 pm. CST for Dr. Bill Roberts, Chairman A.E.T.A.

"INDONESIANS THOUGHT TO TAKE OVER EAST TIMOR IN FEW HOURS OR A COUPLE OF DAYS. HOWEVER FOUR WEEKS OF FIGHTING (gap in message) THAT THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR HAVE FIRMLY RESISTED. THE INVADERS (gap - suggested 'who') ARE MULTIPLYING MURDERING AGAIN THE HELPLESS POPULATION IN REVENGE OF THEIR HEAVY LOSSES. ABOUT 10,000 MEN ELIMINATED BY FRETILIN FORCES. COASTAL TOWNS AS LIQUICA, MAUBARA, SUAI, ETC., ARE BEING DAILY BOMBARDED BY INDONESIAN WARSHIPS AND IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE BY PLANES WITH INCENDIARY BOMBS DESTROYING NOT ONLY HUTS AND FARMS BUT PEOPLE AS WELL. EAST TIMOR IS A PRAIRIE OF FIRES AND DESTRUCTION. WE THINK THAT BEING INDIFFERENT TO THE EVENTS MEANS TO COLLABORATE IN THE CONTINUATION OF THESE CRIMES. THE INVADERS ARE USING TANKS, ARMoured CARS, CANONS ETC., IN ATTEMPTS TO ADVANCE FROM DILI TO AILEU AND FROM BAUCAU TO VIQUEQUE (gap - suggested 'and from Lautem') TO LOSPALOS."

NICOLAU REIS LOBATO, PRIME MINISTER, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR. EAST TIMOR. 31-12-75.

(Note gaps in message due atmospheric disturbances at time of transmission)

MESSAGE 22: Received Melbourne, 2-1-76, by Dr. Bill Roberts, Chairman A.E.T.A.

"INDONESIAN TROOPS WENT A FEW KILOMETRES ON ROAD TO MAUBISSE FROM AILEU THEN WITHDREW TO AILEU. SOME INDONESIANS GONE BACK TO DILI, POSSIBLY FOR SUPPLIES. FIGHTING CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRYSIDE, USING INCENDIARIES. SITUATION UNCHANGED IN OTHER CENTRES, EXCEPT FOR MANATUTO, WHERE INDONESIANS HAVE LANDED AND ARE SURROUNDED. THEY SHELLED BETANO AND ALAS. GUERILLA FIGHTING AROUND BAUCAU. GUERILLAS ENTERING TOWNS AND MIXING WITH THE VILLAGERS AND PEOPLE, AND USING TRADITIONAL WEAPONS TO KILL INDONESIAN SOLDIERS. A VILLAGER IN AILEU KILLED FOUR INDONESIAN SOLDIERS WITH HIS MACHETE AND THEN WAS KILLED HIMSELF. A FRETILIN SAID HE SAW ROGER EAST KILLED IN DILI IN FIRST TWO DAYS WITH FERNANDO CARMO AND IGNACIO DA MAURA. FRETILIN PAYS TRIBUTE TO ROGER EAST AND WE ARE MOURNING ALL THE JOURNALISTS KILLED - NOW PARTICULARLY ROGER EAST WHO DECIDED TO STAY AND PUT HIS LIFE AT RISK TO GIVE AN INDEPENDENT AUSTRALIAN JOURNALIST'S ACCOUNT OF THE INDONESIAN INVASION.

MESSAGE 22: continued.

THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES FACING STARVATION. FOOD STOCKS ALREADY LOW, AND INDONESIANS ARE DELIBERATELY DESTROYING CROPS. WE CALL ON AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO PRESSURE AND ALLOW AID ORGANISATIONS TO HELP. "

ALARICO FERNANDES, MINISTER FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND SECURITY, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR.

MESSAGE 23: Received Darwin 12.30, CST, 4-1-76, for Dr. Bill Roberts, Chairman A.E.T.A.

"ROGER EAST WAS KILLED BY PARATROOPERS AT 8.00 AM. DECEMBER 7. BEFORE THE INVASION I TOLD HIM TO GO WITH US TO THE HILLS BUT HE WISHED TO STAY WITH THE PEOPLE OF DILI TO GIVE A FULL REPORT. I WENT TO COMMANDANT CARMO AND GAVE HIM INSTRUCTIONS TO GO TO THE HOTEL TURISMO TO PICK UP ROGER EAST. CARMO WAS KILLED BY SIX INDONESIAN PARATROOPERS AT SANTA CRUZ ON THE WAY TO THE HOTEL TURISMO BY CAR. FRETILIN SOLDIERS KILLED THREE OF THE PARATROOPERS AND THREE RAN AWAY. SOLDATO FERNANDO TOLD ME: ROGER EAST WAS KILLED. ON THE SAME DAY THE SECRETARY FOR PEOPLE'S ORGANISATIONS, ROSA BUONAPARTE, THE INDONESIANS WANTED TO TAKE HER TO WARSHIPS. SHE REFUSED AND THEY SHOT HER WITH HER BROTHER, BERNADINO BUONAPARTE. HE WAS ON THE FRETILIN CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WORKING IN EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND INFORMATION. ALSO JOSE GONCALVES WAS WITH HIS WIFE AND SISTER-IN-LAW (who is the wife of Nicolau Reis Lobato, Prime Minister of DRET.) BEFORE NICOLAU REACHED HIS HOME THE INDONESIANS GOT THERE AND ONE OF THE PARATROOPERS ASKED WHO WAS JOSE GONCALVES? HE STEPPED FORWARD AND THEY TOOK HIM. THE INDONESIAN FLAG FLIES ON HIS HOUSE AND THE INDONESIANS OCCUPY IT. AFTERWARDS THEY MADE HIM BROADCAST ON RADIO DILI TO FRETILIN TO NEGOTIATE PEACEFULLY TO RESOLVE THE TIMOR SITUATION. HE WAS FORCED BY THEM TO TALK BECAUSE THEY HELD HIS WIFE AND NICOLAU'S WIFE AS HOSTAGE.

ALL PEOPLE WHO WERE MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED: MAULAKA (Timorese name, Portuguese name CESAR CORREIA), MAULELLO CARAPCINHA, BORGE DE COSTA WAS KILLED BY BARBARITY BY JAVANESE. DA MAURA ALSO. JUSTINO MORTA.

FRETILIN PRISONERS HELD AT THE TIME OF THE INVASION: SOME RAN AWAY, SOME ARE FIGHTING WITH FRETILIN AGAINST INDONESIANS AND APODETI, AND SOME SURRENDERED.

I TALKED WITH MOREZINHO AND MAGGIOLI (former UDT leaders) BEFORE INVASION AND THEY STAYED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATION. (No knowledge of what happened)

DOCTORS OF MEDICINE ARE URGENTLY NEEDED. LAST NIGHT FRETILIN VOLUNTEERS WENT TO DILI AND AFTERWARDS REPORTED TO ME: SOME INDONESIANS GOING BACK TO SHIPS AND SOME COMING FROM SHIPS."

ALARICO FERNANDES, MINISTER FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS SECURITY, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR, EAST TIMOR, 4-1-76.

MESSAGE 24: Received Darwin from East Timor 5.00 pm. CST and in Melbourne 8.00 pm. EST by Dr. Bill Roberts, Chairman A.E.T.A.

"IT IS PROPOSED TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEUTRAL ZONE FOR HUMANITARIAN AID TO EAST TIMOR THE AIR STRIP OF SAME AND THE HIGHER AREA OF SAME VILLAGE WHERE THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL IS AND THE OLD COLONIAL RESIDENTIAL AS WELL."

NICOLAU REIS LOBATO, PRIME MINISTER, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR. EAST TIMOR 4.1.76.

MESSAGE 25: Received Telecom-Darwin 6.30 pm CST relayed to Melbourne 10.30 pm. EST 5.1.76 for Dr. Bill Roberts Chairman A.E.T.A.

"INDONESIA IS INTENSIFYING ITS AGGRESSION TO EAST TIMOR AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL DECISION. IT IS NOT ONLY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS BUT ALSO USING CHEMICAL WEAPONS. WE PROTEST AGAINST THE INDONESIAN DISOBEDIENCE AND INHUMANITY SO WE SEND A MESSAGE TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS TO INDONESIA AND PROPOSE

MESSAGE 25 continued.

EXPULSION OF INDONESIA FROM THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF DECOLONISATION. WE APPEAL TO ALL PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ESPECIALLY TO YOUR PEOPLE TO HELP US TO FIGHT THE INDONESIAN AGGRESSION."

NICOLAU REIS LOBATO, PRIME MINISTER, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR, EAST TIMOR. 5.1.76.

MESSAGE 26: Received Melbourne 6.00 pm. EST, 6-1-76. from Telecom-Darwin by Dr. Bill Roberts, Chairman, A.E.T.A.

THE INDONESIAN WARSHIPS ARE SHELLING STRONGLY ALL COASTAL VILLAGES CAUSING DESTRUCTION AND DEATH AND ALSO USING CHEMICAL WEAPONS. DAMAGES ARE HEAVY, HOWEVER THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR ARE MORE DECIDED THAN EVER TO FIGHT IN DEFENCE OF ITS COUNTRY AGAINST THE JAVANESE DOMINATION. FORMERLY INDONESIA REPORTED TO CONTROL ENTIRELY EAST TIMOR BUT NOW IS SAYING IS CONTROLLING ONLY TWO THIRDS AND THIS MEANS THE FAILURE OF ITS VANDALIC AGGRESSION.

IN BAUCAU THE JAVANESE EXPANSIONISTS ARE FORCING AT GUNPOINT THE HELPLESS POPULATION TO PREPARE DEMONSTRATION WITH INDONESIAN FLAGS TO RECEIVE MALIK. MALIK AND HIS PUPPETS REFUSE TO ALLOW THE UNITED NATIONS DELEGATION TO VISIT OUR COUNTRY. WHY?

ALARICO FERNANDES, MINISTER OF SECURITY AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR, EAST TIMOR, 6-1-76."

COMMUNICATION 27: Picked up by radio, Darwin Friday morning January 9th, 1976.

FRETILIN TROOPS HAVE TEMPORARILY HALTED INDONESIAN INVASION ON THE TOWN VIQUEQUE ENGAGED 100 SOLDIERS AT VENILALE 30k BAUCAU. INDONESIAN FLED AFTER 75 HAD BEEN KILLED IN AMBUSH. THE SURVIVORS RETREATED TO BAUCAU FRETILIN FOUND U.S. BAZOOKAS AND MORTARS. ALL INDONESIANS AND JAVANESE KILLED ARE BEING TAKEN BY HELICOPTER BACK TO DILI WHERE THEIR BODIES ARE BEING BURNT ON FUNERAL PYRES.

ALARICO FERNANDES, MINISTER FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND SECURITY.

COMMUNICATION 28: Picked up by radio, Darwin Friday 7p.m. CST January 9th, 1976.

THE INDONESIANS ARE TRYING TO WITHDRAW AILEU AND CANNOT GET OUT BY LAND HELICOPTERS ARE DROPPING SUPPLIES A LOT (NO SPECIFIC NOS.) SURRENDERED AND WERE KILLED AT MANATUTO FRETILIN FORCES PREPARING FOR AN ATTACK AT MANATUTO. HEAVY FIGHTING AROUND BAUCAU AND IN BORDER AREAS STILL. THE INDONESIANS ARE DUSTING WITH CHEMICAL SPRAYS CAUSING DIARRHOEA DROWSINESS. PEOPLE BECOME LAZY AND SLEEPY SOMETHING LIKE FLU SYMPTONS THIS DUSTING IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE BORDER AREA AND AS FAR INLAND AS MAUBISSE.

ALARICO FERNANDES, MINISTER FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND SECURITY.

COMMUNICATION 29: Picked up by radio, Darwin Sunday 4.30 p.m. CST January 11th, 1976.

THE INDONESIANS ARE STILL IN AILEU THERE ARE 60 JAVANESE IN AILEU. ON THE SOUTH COAST NO NEWS BETWEEN BAUCAU AND BAUCAU AIRPORT THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE JAVANESE TROOPS FRETILIN TROOPS SURROUND THE AIRPORT WHICH IS STILL HELD BY INDONESIANS FRETILIN TRYING TO REGAIN IT. THE PEOPLE IN MAUBARA ARE MORE CONSCIOUS OF THEIR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM DAY BY DAY. REGARDING THE CHEMICAL THIS MADE SLEEPY DROWSY AND DIARRHOEA AND ITCH ON THE BODY LEAVES NO DESIRE TO FIGHT THEY FEEL LAZY AND HAVE NO WILL TO FIGHT. THE GENERAL SITUATION FRETILIN SOLDIERS MAKING AMBUSH TO ATTACK INDONESIANS IN DILI. GOVERNMENT GUERRILLAS FIGHTING IN DILI EVERY DAY AILEU IS STILL ENCIRCLED BY OUR SOLDIERS.

ALARICO FERNANDES, MINISTER FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND SECURITY.

Compiled M. Heading, 14-1-76.