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BURU CAMPAIGN  
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Summary

Some additional information regarding deportations to Buru island has recently come to light. We now know that the Indonesian government has plans to send several thousand more prisoners to Buru in the next two to three years. We have also seen reports that in fact as many as 3,000 prisoners have already been sent to Buru this year. 2,000 of these were possibly sent only a few months ago.

Distribution

This is being sent to all sections and Indonesian coordination groups.

Recommended Action

Those sections who have not yet launched the Buru campaign or issued the press release (NR 5/76) about the transportations to Buru, may add the statement given below to their campaign press release. For those sections who have already issued a press statement about Buru, please try to incorporate the latest information into the campaign in some way.

"According to AI's sources in Jakarta, it is known that the Indonesian government has plans to send another 9,000 prisoners to Buru over the next three years. Moreover there are reports that in fact as many as 3,000 prisoners in all have been transported to Buru this year already, although this has yet to be confirmed".

5 October 1976 - Stop press. We have received reliable information today that a further 3,000 prisoners have indeed been sent to Buru this year. You may state this in your Buru campaign and press release.

Please note

Also attached is one copy of an interesting Reuters report of 13 August 1976. There is some information about Buru which is of interest. Please try to circulate this article widely.  
(This is not being sent to Press Officers).