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SUBJECT: "ACT OF FREE CHOICE" IN WEST IRIAN

REF: USUN A-2054

FOR DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY GODLEY FROM AMBASSADOR

1. REF AIRGRAM INDICATES THAT ATTITUDE OF ORTIZ SANZ COULD CREATE REAL PROBLEM FOR GOI. AS REPORTED PARA 5 DJAKARTA 8503, GOI IS OF OPINION (PERHAPS MISTAKEN) THAT ORTIZ SANZ NOW HAS GREATER UNDERSTANDING

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OF POLITICAL REALITIES CONNECTED WITH "ACT OF FREE CHOICE". IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE AND IF VIEWS CONTAINED REF AIRGRAM SHOULD BECOME PUBLICLY KNOWN, IT WOULD BE MOST EMBARRASSING FOR MALIK AND OTHERS IN GOI WHO ARE WORKING TO CARRY OUT 1962 AGREEMENT IN MANNER WHICH IS MEANINGFUL BUT WHICH AT THE SAME TIME WILL ENSURE CONTINUED INDONESIAN CONTROL OF WEST IRIAN.

2. UNLESS SOMEONE IN USUN HAS CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ORTIZ SANZ IT WOULD PROBABLY BE PREFERABLE FOR US TO STAY OUT OF THIS ONE DIRECTLY. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF HIGH STAKES RIDING ON ORTIZ SANZ'S MISSION AND IMPORTANCE OF HIS GETTING OFF ON RIGHT FOOT, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD DO ANYTHING WE CAN INDIRECTLY TO MAKE HIM AWARE OF POLITICAL REALITIES. IT OCCURS TO ME THAT BEST APPROACH MIGHT BE TO TIP OFF SUDJATMOKO INFORMALLY TO FACT THAT ORTIZ SANZ MAY HAVE SOME MISCONCEPTIONS REGARDING INDONESIA'S INTENTIONS REGARDING 1962 AGREEMENT AND SUGGEST THAT SUDJATMOKO MIGHT WISH TO TALK WITH HIM IN ORDER TO REDUCE CHANCE THAT ORTIZ SANZ MIGHT MAKE UNFORTUNATE STATEMENT EITHER PRIOR TO OR AT TIME OF HIS ARRIVAL IN DJAKARTA WHICH WOULD

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3. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS WHICH YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING ORTIZ SANZ' PRESENT STATE OF MIND.

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