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Polish First Secretary Andrzej Gradziuk told EmbOff he had talked to PKI Central Committee member at 8:00 A.M. on October 1. PKI source was elated, knowing that Sept 30 Movement then underway. PKI source told Gradziuk, "This is what we've been waiting for. " He said not all of PKI Central Committee knew about plot, only "special group" headed by Aidit.

2. According this source, idea originated outside PKI (presumably Sukarno although this not stated) and Aidit presented proposal to group from Central Committee (presumably Politburo, possibly supplemented by other key CC members). PKI leaders agreed to participate on condition that PKI as CONFIDENTIAL

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organization would not be involved and that only objective was intra-government operation to seize limited group of top generals. Source claimed there was no intention to kill generals. PKI source added that Sukarno was supposed to come out with statement on October 1 alleging suppression of Generals' Council plot.

- 3. Gradziuk said he believes PKI had become so dependent on taking orders from Sukarno that it was subsequently paralyzed when Sukarno failed to act. On other hand, he thought Sukarno was gradually reasserting control and might still win out (This line may have been designed to solicit EmbOff's opinion, however).
- 4. Source thought Chinese saw present picture in black and white terms and really did not have clear idea of what happened or forces at work. He said Chicoms believe it is simple matter of reactionary Army on one side and temporarily defeated PKI on other with

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Sukarno no longer important factor. Chicoms see no importance in cultivating middle forces. They feel Sukarno was untrustworthy ally who let PKI down (Although not explicitly stated, corollary of this analysis would be that Chinese felt PKI internal strategy wrong all along and are assuming I tola you so attitude).

5. Gradziuk felt Soviets saw more complex situation but he was unwilling or unable to express himself so clearly on Soviet attitudes. say that Soviets were disturbed that Army targets extended beyond PKI itself to "other progressive groups," attitude implicitly shared by source. Gradziuk was particularly interested in soliciting EmbOff opinion on feasibility of forming new Communist This question also posed by Soviet counselor in separate conversation with EmbOff and may indicate that it is at center of Soviet attention. In reply to question, Gradziuk said he did not think Soviets

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knew where Indo Army going politically and did not feel they were in position to talk seriously to Army on political matters at this time in view of confused situation.

- 7. Comment: It is possible that Polish EmbOff's story was doctored to protect PKI or to appear cooperative. Source is long-time acquaintance, however, and appears highly Western-oriented and sympathetic to progressive non-Communism. On other hand, he is

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