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Meeting with General Wiranto

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Elections:

- Congratulations; elections free, fair, democratic. Enthusiastic participation of the great majority of Indonesian voters. The elections themselves were a hugely important first step, but the road ahead is more difficult.
- TNI played important supportive, neutral role. World took notice. TNI contribution to Indonesia's democratization key to establishing more normal military-military ties with U.S.

East Timor

- Deeply concerned about developments in East Timor. Indonesia has not lived up to May 5 obligations to provide an environment of security in East Timor to permit a credible ballot in August.
- Welcome assurances on security to international community and UN, and your work with Xanana Gusmao and personal role in peace brokering and reconciliation among East Timorese.
- However, situation for UNAMET sharply deteriorating: attacks, compounded by unhelpful GOI spokesmen claiming that UNAMET is pro-independence and part of problem.
- International opinion supports UN and views militias as unrestrained; cannot understand why TNI and police presence of over 15 thousand cannot bring them under control; provide adequate protection.
- Over long period of time, overwhelming multi-source evidence of continuing close cooperation with militias by elements of TNI. Although we know that orders have come from you directing that TNI be neutral in East Timor, there are elements on the ground not obeying that direction. Need effective TNI steps on security: arrests; disarming bad militia elements. Unless turned around, entire UNAMET operation at risk. Not now question of blame but results.

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- If UNAMET collapses, international readiness to assist Indonesia very difficult as pressures in U.S. Congress already demonstrate.

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