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Summary:

Cable from the Chinese Embassy in Indonesia describing the planned discussion between Ambassador Yao and Subandrio regarding China's first nuclear weapons test.

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[To] The Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

In accordance with the directions from your telegram on the 18th [of October], Ambassador Yao [Zhongming] handed Premier Zhou's message to the heads of state around the world to the Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia. Since [Foreign Minister] Subandrio just returned to Indonesia and was busy taking over as the acting President, it was difficult for him to meet Ambassador Yao immediately. The Chief of Staff said this message would be passed on to Subandrio immediately. Because the nuclear test in China was a significant event, he felt that he was not in the position to express his personal take on the issue. But he believed that Subandrio would meet with Ambassador Yao for a discussion. Ambassador Yao stated our position to him based on the declaration of our government, and affirmed the emotions and opinions expressed by a number of Indonesian political leaders in their public speeches. The Chief of Staff said he did not expect the first successful nuclear test would take place so soon in China. This suggested that we, the Asians, are capable of mastering technology whenever there is opportunity. We, the Asians, will not fall behind the West forever. He also jokingly mentioned that Indonesia could send personnel to China to learn about nuclear technology.

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