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INTERROGATION REPORT NO 409.I. PERSONAL DATA:

Name : Achmad bin Wiroadmodjo
Age : 19 years
Sex : Male
Race : Javanese
Citizenship : Netherlands subject
Birthdate & Place : 20 Feb '25 at Pasoeroean (East Java)
Education : Native State School (5 years)
 Technical School (1 year)
Religion : Mohammedan
Status : Evacuee; Released by U.S. Forces on
 Biak Is.
Occupation : None
State of Health : Good

ESTIMATE OF INTELLIGENCE AND RELIABILITY.

Informant gives the impression of being intelligent and information is considered reliable.

II. CHRONOLOGY.

Date:	Place
1941 - Sep '43	Pasoeroean (East Java)
Sep '43 - Jan '44	Malang - Hei-Ho
Jan - Feb '44	At sea between Soerabaja & Biak Is.
Feb - May '44	Biak Island - Hei-Ho

NOTE: For illustration of information contained in this report and for additional information, see attached map NEFIS No FY 5343 - Township Pasoeroean.

III. TACTICAL DATA ON ENEMY MILITARY FORCES.

Dispositions and strength of Organizations & Units: According to informant there were no Japanese troops at Pasoeroean in Sep '43, except a small detachment of Mihari (see Section "Native troops").

Native Troops: Observation posts at Pasoeroean were manned by members of Mihari (Scouts). According to informant Mihari headquarters was situated in former 8th Btn barracks at Malang. The detachment at Pasoeroean comprised about 10 Indonesians under a Jap. L/cpl; detachment was relieved every month. Wages of Indonesian members of Mihari were /15.-- per month.

Enemy Material and Equipment: Occasionally A/A machine guns mounted on trucks arrived at Pasoeroean for firing practice at a target sock towed by an aircraft. MGs usually numbered about 10.

IV. SUMMARY OF NAVAL INFORMATION.Navigational Aids:

Light Houses: In Sep '43, the lighthouse at Pasoeroean was used only as an observation post, manned day and night by 1 Jap and 3 Indonesian members of Mihari.

Harbour Conditions: In Sep '43, the Japanese were building a new pier about 1 km. east of the old one. Thousands of coolies were engaged in this work. The base of the pier consists of rock which is brought by trucks from three rivers in the vicinity. About 1 km. from the shore, opposite the light house, a vessel was moored, equipped with an observation post. The vessel was

coolies. "Stinis" was managed by a Chinese but was controlled by "de Bromo" and employed about 70 Indonesian skilled labour and coolies; the workshop was being extended.

In the former sugar factory "Pleret" machinery had been installed for weaving cloth. The installation was almost ready in Sep '43. According to informant this installation was started by the Dutch and was being completed by the Japanese.

X. PROPAGANDA AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE INFORMATION.

Enemy:

Radio Propaganda: (Sep '43), all private radio sets in Pasoeroean had been sealed in such a way that only Japanese controlled news could be heard. News from Batavia was broadcast at 20.00 hours local time containing the usual reports of splendid Japanese victories, the smashing defeat of the white races and adjurations to all Indonesians to rise and sweep the Europeans from the face of the earth. If any spies were around people listened in silence but when among friends they laughed at hearing such nonsense.

Non-Radio Propaganda:

Speeches: On many occasions informant heard Nasaroedin (See Section - Political and Social Information: Seinenden) address Kaibodan and Seinenden at Pasoeroean, urging them to obey the Japanese and trying to destroy their faith in the European race. Nasaroedin himself ordered informant to join Hei-Ho after unsuccessfully trying to induce informant to take a six months' course at the Military School for NCO's at Magelang (Mid Java).

Movies: During '43, informant visited the cinema at Pasoeroean on three occasions. He saw pictures of the bombing of Pearl Harbour, the landing of the Japanese on Singapore Island and its surrender, depicting the white flag and the British flag being handed over to the Japanese. In the latter film great numbers of British dead were shown but not a single Japanese casualty.

Language Schools: There was a special school at Pasoeroean where the Japanese language was taught. Teacher was either a Japanese or a visiting Javanese from Batavia. Informant has heard that there is a large Japanese school at Batavia where military and political subjects are taught.

No fees were charged in the language school at Pasoeroean; about 30 adults attended in the evenings. Informant added that many Javanese in Pasoeroean can speak Katakana.

XIII. GENERAL.

Enforced Prostitution: According to informant, village girls were induced under false pretences to go to Pasoeroean. Usually these girls were used for immoral purposes for about one week after which the Japanese ordered replacements.

Storage: Informant states that in Sep '43, there were about 10 large godowns at Pasoeroean filled with rice, bales of cotton, cases of material and much other produce. (See attached map).

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Enclosure: NEFIS Map No. FY 5343 -
Township Pasoeroean.

Camp Columbia, 23rd October, 1944.