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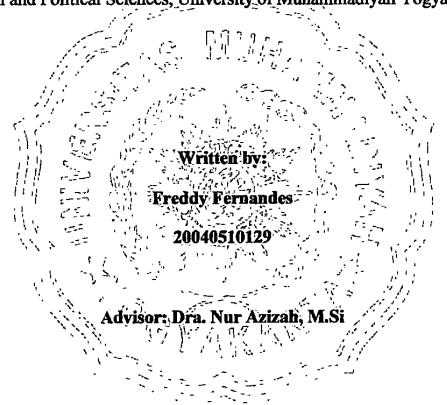
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PREFACE

The aim of this undergraduate thesis in not only to fulfill the requirements for the degree of Sarjana Ilmu Politik (S.IP) in the department of International Relations, faculty of Social and Political sciences at the University Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta. Furthermore, this undergraduate thesis aimed to provide students information and knowledge that will allow them to understand the of Singapore's foreign policy. While it impossible to cover every aspect of Singapore's foreign policy, the main substance that is to be examined will be focused on Singapore's decision in establishing Defense Cooperation Agreement (DCA) with Indonesia. The military cooperation between the countries was not new, the previous military cooperation under Military Training Agreement (MTA) was established in 1995, however ended in 2003. In 2005 Singapore proposed Indonesia the military cooperation named Defense Cooperation Agreement. This considered the continuity of the previous military cooperation and offers both parties more mutual benefit. This phenomenon creates a question of why did Singapore need to established DCA with Indonesia after the failure of the previous military cooperation. The answer of this question will be discussed in this undergraduate thesis.

ABSTRACT

The military cooperation between Singapore and Indonesia has been established for more than 25 years. It was under Soeharto, Singapore enabled to conduct military exercise beyond Indonesia territory. In 1995 both parties signed Military Training Area and provided Singapore military training areas, called MTA 1 and MTA 2. However, this agreement called off in 2003 by Indonesia. In 2005, Singapore proposed Indonesia a new form of military cooperation, named Defense Cooperation Agreement (DCA), which is offers more mutual benefits. These negotiations ran one package with Extradition Treaty (ET), which had been proposed by Indonesian government for decades. Finally, in April 2007, both parties concluded the agreement in Bali, Indonesia. This undergraduate thesis will discussed the determinant factor of Singapore decided to established DCA with Indonesia, though the previous military cooperation was end up by Indonesia. In order to explain the phenomenon, the writer will use three concepts; national interest, military preparedness, and national security.

Key words: Defense Cooperation Agreement, Military Training Area, Extradition

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ABREVIATIONS

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asia Nations

BLBI Bantuan Likuiditas Bank Indonesia (Liquidity Assistance of

Bank Indonesia)

DCA Defense Cooperation Agreement

ET Extradition Treaty

MINDEF Ministry of Defense

MTA Military Training Area

NS National Service

NSmen National Servicemen

PAP People Action Party

PM Prime Minister

SAF Singapore Armed Forces

SCDF Singapore Civil Defense Force

SPF Singapore Police Force

UAV Un-manned Aerial Vehicle

UNCLOS United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea

WMD Weapon of Mass Destruction

TNI Tentara Nasional Indonesia (Indonesia National Forces)

AU Angkatan Udara (Airforces)

RLEC Regional Language Centre

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