

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

From the analyses above, the reason why Singapore is able to control Indonesian airspace over Riau and Natuna Islands since Indonesian Independence Day can be concluded into five major factors that are interrelated each other. The history and geographical factor became the first factor for Indonesia. Indonesian history records that there were some agreements with Dutch that caused Indonesian territory was decreasing gradually. The second factor is institutional factor since Indonesia did not have any independent institution which managed ATC professionally. Indonesia only relied in Angkasa Pura which did not have qualification to manage ATC professionally. The third factor is technological factor. Indonesia could not afford to buy sufficient radars to conduct ATC independently. Indonesia thought that it was not necessary to buy new radar since in Soeharto era since Indonesia did not see the strategic position of airspace.

Beside the three factors that came internally from Indonesia, there are two other factors that became the prove how bad a quality of diplomacy of Indonesian government. In military and defense, Indonesia and Singapore signed Military Training Area Agreement in Soeharto era and Defense Cooperation Agreement in Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono era. The main point of those agreements was the same that Singapore could conduct a military training in this area. In Defense Cooperation Agreement, Singapore even could conduct a missile firing test over this area. In return, Indonesia and Singapore shared intelligent data, technology, and military education.

If Indonesia wants to take back these areas, it is better to prepare everything well from technological and human resources, make a clear rule about air navigation, and improve the quality of diplomacy. It is not wise to blame for Singapore to take over these areas for over 50 years because Indonesian government itself never gave an attention to these areas before. Blaming Singapore will not solve the problem but only to make the image of Indonesia become bad in international politics.