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3 April 1962

My dear Aubassador Plinsoll,

Thank you very much indeed for calling to my attention the statement unde by Sir Garrield Harvick to the Australian House of Representatives on the Netherlands - Indonesian question,

Sincerely yours,

U Thant Acting Secretary-General

His Amosliancy Mr. James Plinsoll, C.B.E. Ambassador Extraordinary and Flamipotentiary Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Hations 750 Third Avenue, 22nd Floor New York 17, New York

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## AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF INDONESIA AND THE NETHERLANDS

- The Governments of Indonesia and the Netherlands would each sign separate agreements or a single agreement which would be presented to the Secretary-General.
- 2. The Government of the Netherlands would stipulate the transfer of administrative authority over West New Guinea to a temporary executive authority under the Secretary-General at a specified date. The Secretary-General would appoint a mutually-acceptable, non-Indonesian administrator who would undertake to administer the territory for a period of not less than one year but not more than two. This administrator would arrange for the termination of Netherlands administration under circumstances that will provide the inhabitants of the territory the opportunity to exercise freedom of choice in accordance with paragraph 4 below. This administrator would replace top Dutch officials with short term one year non-Indonesian and non-Dutch officials hired on a contract basis.
- 3. The temporary executive authority under the Secretary-General would administer West New Guinea during the first year with the assistance of non-Indonesian and non-Dutch personnel. Beginning the second year the Secretary-General would replace UN officials with Indonesian officials, it being understood that by the end of the second year full administrative control would be transferred to Indonesia. U.N. Technical assistance personnel will remain in an advisory capacity to assist in preparations for carrying out the provisions of paragraph 4.
- 4. Indonesia agrees to make arrangements, with the assistance and participation of the Secretary-General and UN personnel, to give the people of the territory the opportunity to exercise freedom of choice not later than three years after Indonesia has assumed full administrative responsibility for West New Guinea.
- 5. Indonesia and the Netherlands agree to share the costs of the foregoing.
- 6. Once this agreement has been signed, the Governments of Indonesia and the Netherlands will resume normal diplomatic relations.

## UNITED NATIONS



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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

U Thant

Acting Secretary-General

12 April 1962

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FROM:

C. A. Stavropoulos

Legal Counsel

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SUBJECT: Agreement between the Governments of

Indonesia and the Netherlands.

I have examined the draft text which you gave me relating to the above subject, particularly with reference to the authority of the Secretary-General to accept responsibility for the functions to be assigned to him in this agreement.

#### Authority to accept the functions provided in the agreement

- There would seem to be no doubt that with the agreement of the two parties the functions envisaged would come within the competence of the United Nations. The Charter specifically recognizes that the Organisation itself may be an "administering authority" with respect to trust territories (Article 81). While the present case is not one relating to trusteeship it may be considered analogous. In a situation like the present, involving matters in which the United Nations is vitally concerned, there could be no legal objection to the United Nations exercising the functions provided. Moreover as the cost would be shared by the parties there would presumably be no financial implications for the Organisation.
- The question whether the Secretary-General could on his own authority assume such functions is however more doubtful. If he were asked merely to appoint a neutral administrator, he could do this under his general powers. However, the proposed text goes much beyond a mere appointment and provides for general and continuous supervision by the Secretary-General of the activities during the period of temporary administration as well as to the eventual transfer of administrative control to Likewise the functions of participation and assistance in the determination of the will of the people of West New Guinea are those normally exercised under the authority of the General Assembly rather than by the Secretary-General himself.
- There is no precedent for the exercise of such functions by the Secretary-General under the powers inherent in his Office or expressly provided in the Charter.

seem a step beyond such functions as are exercised as quiet diplomacy, good offices or the dispatch of a personal representative.

- 5. Whether or not from a strictly legal point of view it may be within the competence of the Secretary-General to accept, at the invitation of the parties concerned, functions of the kind provided in this agreement, it would seem essential that he should have the backing of a political organ of the United Nations before undertaking responsibilities which may involve difficult political issues and potential controversies. The General Assembly would appear to be the appropriate organ since it not only deals with problems in this general field but has also discussed the specific problem of West New Guinea as recently as its sixteenth session.
- 6. It would therefore seem desirable that the question of accepting the responsibilities should be submitted to the General Assembly. The Assembly's action could be limited to the approval of a resolution taking note of the arrangements arrived at by the two governments concerned and agreeing to the exercise by the Secretary-General of the functions conferred upon him.
- 7. Should there be a need for action by the General Assembly before the opening of the seventeenth session of the General Assembly a special session of the Assembly could be called under Rules 8 and 9 of its Rules of Procedure. Should the sixteenth session be meeting at the time on the question of Ruanda-Urundi it might be possible for it to add a new item to its agenda under rule 15.

## Difficulties of interpretation

- 8. There is a second point on which I also wish to comment. The text is drafted in broad general terms and contains many ambiguities. If left for subsequent interpretation, the Secretary-General and the administrator may find themselves in a difficult position. This would be especially true if the parties at a later stage advanced contrary interpretations.
- 9. The most important of these ambiguities relates to the scope of the "freedom of choice" which is to be exercised by the people of the territory and to the role of the Secretary-General and the United Nations personnel in assisting and participating in the arrangements in this regard. Is for example "freedom of choice" to include the possibility of independence or union with some other political entity or is it to be limited to various degrees of automony or centralization within Indonesia.
  - 10. I recognize that in order to achieve an agreement

between parties it may not be possible to include too many details, but in my view the ambiguities should be reduced to a minimum in order to avoid future difficulties. I am attaching a copy of an analysis of the agreement which outlines the successive steps involved and points out some of the possible differences which might arise in interpreting and applying the agreement.

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Analysis of "Agreement between the Governments of Indonesia and the Netherlands.

#### I. SUCCESSIVE STEPS

- 1. The agreement would appear to provide for the following successive steps.
  - (1) Signing of agreement or agreements by Indonesia and the Netherlands (paragraph 1).

Presentation of agreement to Secretary-General (paragraph 1).

- (2)
  Resumption of normal diplomatic relations between Indonesia and the Netherlands (paragraph 6).
- (3) Acceptance of functions assigned to United Nations by Secretary-General or appropriate organ (this step is not mentioned in the text but would appear necessary).
- (4) Transfer of administrative authority from the Netherlands to a temporary executive authority under the Secretary-General at a specified date (paragraph 2).
  - (a) appointment by Secretary-General of a mutually acceptable non-Indonesian administrator to administer territory for period of not less than one nor more than two years (paragraph 2);
  - (b) arrangement by administrator for termination of Netherlands administration under circumstances which will provide the inhabitants of the territory the opportunity to exercise freedom of choice (paragraph 2);
  - (c) replacement by the administrator of top Dutch officials with short term one year non-Indonesian and non-Dutch officials (paragraph 2).

- (5) Administration of West New Guinea <u>during first year</u> by temporary executive authority <u>under</u> the Secretary-General with the assistance of non-Indonesian and non-Dutch personnel (paragraph 3).
- (6) Replacement by Secretary-General <u>beginning second</u> year of United Nations officials with Indonesian officials (paragraph 3).
- (7) Transfer of full administrative control to Indonesia by end of second year (paragraph 3).

United Nations technical assistance personnel will remain in advisory capacity to assist in preparations for the exercise of freedom of choice.

- (8) Arrangements to be made by Indonesia, with assistance and participation of the Secretary-General and United Nations personnel, to give people of the territory the opportunity to exercise freedom of choice not later than three years after Indonesia has assumed full administrative responsibility (paragraph 4).
- 2. The costs of the foregoing are to be shared by Indonesia and the Netherlands (paragraph 5).

# II. DIFFICURTIES OF INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

3. The present text is drafted in very broad terms and many points are left ambiguous. Considerable clarification and filling in of details will be required at some stage. The intention may be to make the initial agreement so general as to cover up differences of opinion and thus make it possible to obtain the concurrance of both governments. This would, however, give rise to serious difficulties for the Secretary-General and for the Administrator in interpretting and applying the terms of the agreement. Is the purpose in fact limited merely to providing a means by which the Netherlands

may hand over the territory to Indonesia and, incidentally, to easing the difficulties of such transfer for the local population by providing periods first of U.N. control and then of U.N. assistance? Or is the agreement designed to ensure genuine self determination by the Papuans? The underlying purpose and the degree of continuing Netherlands interest would determine to a great extent the amount of detail which should be put into the agreement. In any event it would seem desirable to remove as many ambiguities as possible.

- 4. Some of the specific questions which arise concerning the present text and which might create difficulties in interpretation and application are as follows.
  - (1) The intention of the reference in paragraph one to "separate agreements or a single agreement" is not clear. Does this mean separate agreements on different aspects of the matter or does it refer to the possibility of unilateral instruments or declarations signed separately by each party? In either case the agreement or agreements would have to encompass the full understanding between the parties and be binding on each of them. If this is accomplished the form is not of major importance.
  - (2) Paragraph one also states that the agreement or agreements "would be presented to the Secretary-General." The purpose for this presentation is not stated but since the agreement calls for the performance of functions by the Secretary-General, it is assumed that it would be for acceptance by him or by an appropriate organ. Upon its presentation it would presumably be circulated to the Members of the United Nations and referred to the appropriate organ. It would also be necessary that it be submitted for registration under Article 102 of the Charter, thus enabling it to be invoked before an organ of the United Nations.
  - (3) Paragraph 6 provides that once this agreement has been signed the governments will resume normal diplomatic relations. This involves action for the respective governments but does not involve the Secretary-General directly. The only question that might arise would be the effect, if any, on the rest of the agreement should one or the other of the parties refuse to resume diplomatic relations in accordance with paragraph 6.

- (4) Paragraph 2 provides for the transfer of administrative authority over West New Guinea to a temporary executive authority under the Secretary-General at a specified date. By referring only to the "transfer of administrative authority" this wording avoids the difficult question of sovereignty. Likewise the reference to West New Guinea rather than to "Netherlands New Guinea" or "West Irian" seems to be an appropriate compromise.
- (5) A question may arise as to what is intended by "a temporary executive authority". Is this the same as the administrator referred to in the next sentence, or is the exact organization of the "temporary executive authority" left to the Secretary-General or an organ of the United Nations? Also, does the "specified date" relate to the beginning of the period when the administrator is appointed or to a later date when the termination of Netherlands administration has been arranged by the administrator. Presumably duration of the subsequent period would be timed from this date.
- (6) The administrator to be appointed by the Secretary-General is to be a mutually acceptable non-Indonesian. It is not specified that he is to be non-Dutch as is done with respect to the other officials and personnel referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3. Do the parties intend this?
- (7) Paragraph 2 also refers to the replacement of "top" Dutch officials. What level is included as "top"? Are the personnel referred to in paragraph 3 at a lower level than the top officials referred to in paragraph 4? Are all Dutch personnel to be replaced? Does the fact that neither Indonesian nor Dutch personnel are to be used raise serious language problems?
- (8) In replacing U.N. officials with Indonesian officials as provided in the second sentence of paragraph 3 does the Secretary-General have a choice as to officials of Indonesian nationality or is he to take those officials who are assigned by the Government? What discipline or authority may be exercised with respect to them pending transfer of full administrative control to Indonesia?
- (9) After the transfer of full administrative control "U.N. technical assistance" personnel are to remain in an advisory capacity to assist in preparations for the carrying out of the provisions of paragraph 4. What is to be their position vis-à-vis (1) the Indonesian authorities and (2) the Secretary-General?
- (10) It is suggested that the word "assistance" be dropped from the term "U.N. technical assistance personnel" to avoid confusion with existing U.N. technical assistance programmes.

- (11) The most difficult problem of interpretation involving important political consequences arises with respect to the provisions concerning "freedom of choice" in paragraphs 2 and 4. The limits within which "freedom of choice" is to be exercised are not defined. Is it to be a full exercise of self determination including a choice of independence or union with other political entities (e.g. other parts of New Guinea, etc.) or is it limited to the degree of autonomy or centralization to be enjoyed within Indonesia? Moreover who is to decide what elements of choice will be put to the people of the territory? Paragraph 4 provides that "Indonesia agrees to make arrangements, with the assistance and participation of the Secretary-General and U.N. personnel" but does not clarify the nature or extent of such assistance and participation. Is it limited to the machineTyof the choice or does it include more substantive responsibility?
- (12) Paragraph 5 provides that Indonesia and the Netherlands agree to share the costs? It is not stated however whether they will be shared equally or in some other proportion. Is there to be any limit on the obligation assumed? Does the Netherlands undertaking include the last three years in which Indonesia is in control?

12 April 1962

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE NETHERLANDS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
711 THIRD AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

TELEPHONE: OXFORD 7-5547

New York, 11 April 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10 April 1962 with which you were good enough to forward to me a copy of a letter from the Acting Permanent Representative of Tanganyika of 9 April 1962.

While thanking you for this courteous communication I beg to inform you that I have passed on the contents of Mr. Ngaiza's letter to the Netherlands Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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C.W.A. Schurmann

The Secretary-General of the United Nations

New York

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your reply

11 April 1962

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I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your latter Bo. IED/12 of 9 April 1962. Flaces he kind enough to inform your Government that I have taken note with great interest of their proposals regarding the Botherlands-Indonesia dispute, as outlined in this letter.

Accept, Bir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

U Thant Acting Secretary-General

Mr. C. P. Mgaiza Acting Permanent Sepresentative Tanganyika Mission to the United Sations 205 East 42nd Street New York 17, New York PERSONAL

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Dear Mr. Bunker,

I forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Acting Permanent Representative of Tanganyika, which I received today. In view of the interest you have taken in the subject matter of this letter, I thought it to be in order to acquaint you with its contents.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

U Thant Acting Secretary-General

The Honorable Ellsworth Bunker In care of Department of State Washington, D.C.

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Permanent Representative of the Metherlands
to the United Mations
711 Third Avenue, 18th Floor
New York 17, N.Y.

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Received today.

Please acknowledge.

I think it will be in order if copies of this communication are forwarded to P R of Indonesia and the Netherlands for information.

Since the United States is also directly involved, the U S Permanent Representative should also see it.

U Thant

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## TANGANYIKA MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS 208 EAST 42ND STREAT

NEW YORK 17. N. Y.

9th April, 1962.

Excellency.

I have the honour to present the following formal proposals on behalf of my Government regarding the Notherlands/Indonesia disputer

- righting should stop immediately. (1)
- Megotiations should resume within three days (11) in the presence of a representative of a third nation and the Secretary General or his personal representative.
- Tanganyika Representative to the United Nations, 11117 or his representative, is willing to act as third nation if acceptable to Notherlands and Indonesia.
  - The basis of negotiations should be:ity
    - flandover of sovereighty of Netherlands (a) New Guines to United Nations, thus bringing territory under United Nations trusteenhip.
    - U.N. should appoint Indonesis as (b) Administering Authority.
    - U.N. should open an office in Holland (0) which should administer possible financial aid donated to New Guinea by foreign countries. Tanganyika hopes this will include financial assistance from Netherlands.

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His Excellency, The Secretary-General, United Nations. NEW YORK.



(") United Nations office in Holland should supervise free elections among the Papuan people when United Nations thinks the time is ripe to do so.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

C.F. NGA12A Acting Permanent Representative there were to an by And. Shuman of 4.00 p.m. They.

Letter by Ambassador van Roijen to Ambassador Bunker

Clown 14 April 1962

Dear Ambassador Bunker,

I thought it might be useful to give you as early as possible a further exposé of my reactions to the draft formula you presented to me on Monday, April 2nd.

Your formula provides for an automatic transfer of the administration over Netherlands New Guinea to Indonesia (albeit through the intermediary of a temporary United Nations Authority), without beforehand taking into consideration the wishes of the population of the territory. The Netherlands Government, although not a priori opposed to the transfer of administration to any party, holds that the central consideration in this matter are the circumstances under which such a transfer would take place. Amongst these circumstances the interests of the Papuan population are of paramount importance. The right of free choice is included in those interests.

Your draft does not provide for a set of circumstances under which the interests of the Papuan population are adequately safeguarded.

In view of the obligations to be undertaken by the United Nations an agreement would also have to be signed by or on behalf of the United Nations. In order to provide for sufficient authority the General Assembly of the United Nations would have to adopt a resolution. In our view such a resolution should inter alia contain specific mention of the main clauses regulating the exercise of free choice by the population at or at least not later than a specified date. It should be stipulated that, besides United Nations Technical Assistance personnel, there should remain, until the exercise of free choice, a United Nations plebiscite administration charged with the preparation and organisation of the plebiscite and with the responsibility and power for carrying it out.

The resolution should also confirm the readiness of the parties concerned to accept the interpretation given by the General Assembly to the outcome of the plebiscite, including the acceptance by them of United Nations control in implementing the choice of the population. In speaking about top Dutch officials paragraph two does not mention at all the question of armed forces and security forces or of local police. This is certainly a fairly essential element, because the intention of the formula seems to be that all lower Dutch personnel should remain, at any rate for the time being. I can assure you that not a single Dutch civil servant will stay in New Guinea from the moment he would not feel himself assured of sufficient protection.

Furthermore their wholesale departure may result in a Congo situation. It seems therefore essential that some provision about the presence, at an early stage, of United Nations security forces be introduced.

I was made to understand that it was your intention that the United Nations should remain in a position to control and guarantee the exercise of freedom of choice by the people and should therefore retain the relevant authority during the whole period up to the referendum. Any United Nations authority in this period, in particular the United Nations authority for the preparation and the carrying out of the referendum would require the necessary control on the part of the United Nations. I believe therefore that also for this reason a United Nations security force will have to be introduced. This would by necessity entail certain limitations to any non United Nations administration.

In point four you have given a vague description of the way in which the exercise of the freedom of choice of the people might be formulated. In my opinion this formula is far too vague and gives the United Nations hardly any authority over the referendum. As I said before under any formula the United Nations must remain responsible for both the preparation and the arrangements for the carrying out of the referendum. Furthermore, we would be in favour of holding the plebiscite at an early date.

I assure you that this and the other points mentioned above are essential items which must be provided for in the agreement.

This letter touches upon the most essential points in your draft.

I am looking forward to our next meeting in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

J.H. van Roijen



### REPUBLIK INDONESIA REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

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TRAFALGAR 9-0600 CABLE ADDRESS INDONESIA NEWYORK

April 16th, 1962.

Excellency:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 10th and to thank you for it.

Your courtesy and attention in forwarding with it a copy of the communication from the Acting Permanent Representative of Tanganyika are greatly appreciated.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

> Sukardjo Wirjopranoto Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations

His Excellency Mr. U Thant,

Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations,

New York.

My dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have been requested by the Personent Representative of the Netherlands to transmit the attached communication from his Government.

Yours sincerely,

U Thant

N.S. Mr. Sukardjo Wirjopranoto Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations 5 East 68th Street New York, N.Y. The attached note was handed over to the SecGen by Mr. Polderman of the Netherlands mission on 27 Epril 1962, at 6.30 p.m.

SecGen handed copy of the note to Amb. Sukardjo of Indonesia a few moments later.

Copy of the note was sent to Mr. Ellsworth Bunker, c/o Department of State, Washington, D.C. on 28 April.

Copy was also given to Mr. Narasimhan.

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE NETHERLANDS
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On April 27 the Netherlands Government Information
Service issued the following statement:

"The Netherlands Government has noted the statement made by the President of Indonesia at Medan on 26 April 1962, to the effect that Indonesia will not resume the talks with the Netherlands unless the Netherlands stops sending reinforcements to Netherlands New Guinea. The Netherlands Government on its part wishes to give the formal assurance that it is fully prepared to cooperate in reaching an agreement under which on both sides the military situation would be stabilized. It goes without saying that neutral observers, preferably on behalf of the United Nations, should supervise the compliance with such an agreement in conformity with the practice established elsewhere in similar situations. The Government will approach the Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations on this matter. As soon as an agreement as referred to above is reached, the Netherlands will refrain from sending reinforcements".

by dear Mr. Dunker,

Immediately after we set on Friday evening, the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands now me and handed over to me a copy of the note released by the Netherlands Government on the same day, with a request to transmit it to the Permanent Representative of Indonesia. I immediately did so, and I am sending herewith a copy of this note as I am sure that it will be of very great interest to you.

With surpost regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Ellmorth Bunker Department of State Weshington, D.G.

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TO: SECRETARY-GENERAL , GENEVA

FROM: BUNGHE, NEW YORK

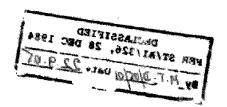
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Netherlands Representative inquires whether you have any information for his Government on the proposal for stabilizing forces on both sides with impartial observers, which he believes you took up with Indomesian Representative last week.





4 May 1962

Sir,

On behalf of the Acting Secretary-General, I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3 May 1962, concerning incidents that have taken place in West New Guinea. As you have requested, copies of this letter will be caused to be sent to the representatives of all Newbers of the United Mations.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs

His Excellency
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I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

C.W.A. Schurmann

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.. The enclosed communication dated 3 May 1962 is transmitted to the Permanent Missions of the States Members of the United Nations at the request of the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations.

4 May 1962

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TO:

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FROM:

SECRETARY-GENERAL, Geneva

DATE

4 MAY 1962

Sent 4 1557Z Reave 4 1915Z

NUMBER:

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Your 80-13 contents noted as well as fact that Netherlands communication will be circulated.

PACLASSIFIED VER ST/AI/326, 26 DEC 1984

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The Netherlands Government have informed the United States Government that the Netherlands are prepared fully to discuss with Indonesia all the aspects of the so called Bunker plan, it being understood that both parties will be free to bring up on the agenda all items for discussion they deem relevant.

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The Hague, May 16th, 1962

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In the morning of May 15th, 1962 a second series of groups of Indonesian parachutists were dropped near Fak Fak after the first Indonesian parachutists had landed in the same neighbourhood on April 27th. An attempt, undertaken at approximately the same time, to land about twenty infiltrators, armed with rifles and pistols, in the same territory from a boat could be frustrated as the vessel was intercepted; the men in it, who, when arrested, declared to have received orders to infiltrate near Fak Fak, were taken into custody.

These actions form part of an act of aggression, clearly prepared and intended as such by the responsible Government- and Army authorities in Djakarta. This follows from 1.a. the statements of respectively:

a/ President Sukarno, who, according to an Antara AFP report of May 12, 1962, voiced his confidence that the question of West Irian could be settled within the shortest possible time thanks to the new arms purchases from Russia;

b/ General Nasution, who, according to a Reuter report of May 15th, 1962, stated, at a meeting of the International Students Union held at Djakarta that same day: "Indonesian young men are being poured into West Irian across the sea and from the air with the aid of the armed forces. We shall continue to drop volunteers on the main island of West Irian, and if that is not enough, our armed forces will enter the country";

c/Minister Subandrio, who, according to an AFP report of May 16th, 1962, stated that: "The Indonesians will go to war if the Dutch prefer to settle the dispute about West Irian in that manner".

With serious concern and with indignation the Netherlands Government has taken cognizance of these new unjustifiable aggressive acts and Indonesian threats for the imminent future against the non-self-governing territory of

-West New Guinea-

The Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations

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West New Guinea, which the Netherlands temporarily administers on the basis of Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations. The Government deplores these acts all the more because - in spite of previous similar aggressive acts and statements directed against the inhabitants of West New Guinea - it not only, immediately on January 18th, declared itself prepared - in reply to yourrenewed initiative and personal urgent request of January 17th - to seek a peaceful and just solution of the existing dispute with Indonesia concerning the further development and future status of the inhabitants of this territory, but has also continuously and strictly refrained from any hostile behaviour with regard to Indonesia, either in word or deed.

The Netherlands Government's peaceful and constructive approach to the New Guinea question was recently again clearly demonstrated by the positive Netherlands reaction to the proposals of Mr. Bunker, the mediator acting under your auspices, when - although Indonesia had interrupted the talks - the Government declared itself prepared fully to discuss with Indonesia all the aspects of the said proposals together with all items related to this problem deemed relevant by either party.

Although, at present, the Netherlands Government is not yet aware whether the Indonesian Government has also given you a positive reaction to these proposals, it nevertheless asks itself in honest concern whether this exchange of views on a peaceful solution to the dispute can now be continued as if nothing had happened, while Indonesia perseveres in regularly committing aggressive acts against the territory in question (which, moreover, she openly designates as such), thereby flagrantly violating the first principles of its membership of the Organization of the United Nations. This cannot be considered to be in the interest of peace in that part of the world, the maintenance of which is, after all, the primary task of the United Nations. It also raises the question whether - and in how far - this Indonesian behaviour diminishes the possibility of eventually having confidence in the achievement of a really bona fide settlement for the further development of the Papuans towards self-rule and free choice of their own future, in conformity with the aim expressed in Article 73 of the Charter, if the United Nations Organization were not to take a clear stand in favour of the maintenance and observance of its own principles.

The Netherlands Government sincerely regrets that thus - in spite of its continuing willingness to consult - and, if so desired, to co-operate - with the United Nations with regard to the further development of the Papuan people

-of West New Guinea-

of West New Guinea and the future status of that territory - the peace in that part of the world is continually being jeopardized by Indonesia, in word and deed. In this connexion the Government wishes to recall its offer, made on April 27th, of the maintenance of a military status quo under impartial control; an offer which is hereby emphatically reiterated.

Meanwhile the Netherlands Government considers the situation created by the aforementioned new aggressive behaviour of Indonesia to be such that it deems it necessary to weigh further what action it may take, within the framework of the United Nations.

In the light, however, of the good offices you have rendered for the attainment of a just and peaceful solution of the present problem - which good offices we have greatly appreciated and to the continuation of which we attach eminent value - the Netherlands Government feels encouraged and entitled, before taking any action, to make an urgent appeal to you to remind Indonesia of her primary obligations under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations, and to exhort her to refrain from all aggressive action, whether in word or deed, against the territory and the people of West New Guinea, in order that the continuation of a justified discussion of the future of this non-self-governing territory be not placed in jeopardy.

Furthermore - in the same context and especially in the interest of the further maintenance of peace in that part of the world - the Netherlands Government desires urgently to reiterate its former request to you to send some observers to the region in order that they may take note of the factual situation and contribute by their presence, to the prevention, if possible, of further aggression.

Finally the Netherlands Government wishes to give to you once more, as a closing sentence of this letter, the assurance that - in the light of the fact that its presence in Netherlands New Guinea is, on principle, of a temporary character - it will continue to lend its fullest and most positive co-operation to your personal efforts, as well as to those of Members of the United Nations engaged in similar attempts, to find for the inhabitants of this non-self-governing territory an honest and just solution on the basis of Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations and the terms of the resolutions on decolonization of December 15th, 1960 and November 28, 1961.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

J.P. de Quay Prime Minister of the Netherlands

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18 May 1962

TO: The Chef de Cabinet FROM: The Secretary-General

Ambassador Schurmann of the Metherlands saw me today and handed over to see the attached note from the Prime Minister of the Metherlands with a request that a copy of the same be transmitted to the Permanent Representative of Indonesia. Mr. Schurmann emphasized two points of the letter, namely, I. requesting me to remind Indonesia of her primary obligations under the provisions of the U.M. Charter to refrain from all aggressive actions, and II. reiterating his dovernment's former request to me to send some impartial observers to the territory in order that they may take note of the actual situation prevailing there and to prevent, if possible, further aggression.

I assured Mr. Schurmann that I would transmit a copy of the Prime Minister's letter to the Indonesian Representative and that I would stress the two points emphasized by him.

Mr. Schurmann further informed me that his Prime Minister proposed to make a statement in the Netherlands Parliament on Monday afternoon and he requested me for another meeting on Monday morning to acquaint himself with any reaction that the Indonesian Representative might convey to me. He also informed me that his Government had requested me to distribute this letter as a Security Council document on Tuesday morning, 22 May.

I told him to come and see me at 11.30 a.m. on Monday.

This afternoon I sent for Ambassador Sukardjo of Indonesia and transmitted to him a copy of this letter and conveyed to him the two points stressed by the Netherlands Representative. Ar. Sukardjo informed me that he had so far not received any reply from Djakerta regarding the request of the Netherlands Government about my sending some observers to the territory. His personal reaction was completely negative and he

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Your suggestion that I now approach the Government of Indonesia with an appeal would, if accepted by me, imply that I was taking sides in the controversy, which I believe would not be in the best interest of all concerned.

I feel, however, that a situation has arisen where it appears appropriate to appeal, both to your Government and that of the Republic of Indonesia, to refrain from all aggressive action, both in view of the obligations of the two Governments under the Charter and in order not to jeopardise the efforts that are now being made by Ambassador Bunker.

With regard to your second suggestion, namely to send some observers to the region to take note of the factual situation and to act as a stabilizing factor, I would like to inform you that I could consider such a move only if a request were made by both the Netherlands and Indonesian Governments. In any other circumstances I believe that such action on my part would not be appropriate.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

U Thant Acting Secretary General

His Excellency Professor J. P. de Quay Prime Minister of the Metherlands

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Sir,

The Secretary-General has instructed me to transmit to you herewith his reply to the letter from the Netherlands Prime Minister, of 16 May 1962. It would be appreciated if you would be good enough to forward this letter to The Hague at your earliest convenience.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency
Nr. C. W. A. Schurmann
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to the United Nations
711 Third Avenue, 18th floor
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My dear Ambassador,

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I enclose a copy of a letter dated 23 May received from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands, for the information of your Government.

Yours sincerely,

U Thant Acting Secretary-General

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May 25th, 1962

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to Your Excellency from the Deputy Chief Minister/Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia.

I request you kindly to circulate the abovementioned letter as a Security Council document.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sukardjo Wirjopranoto
Permanent Representative of Indonesia
to the United Nations

His Excellency U THANT Acting Secretary General of the United Nations United Nations New York, New York. Excellency,

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia in taking note of the letter of the Netherlands Premier Mr. J.P. de Quay, of May 16, 1962, has the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention to the following:

- 1. The stand of the Netherlands Government, as stated in the above-mentioned letter, which inter alia accused Indonesia of aggression in West Irian, is based on a false premise, since West Irian, far from being part of the Netherlands territory, is an integral part of the Republic of Indonesia being illegally and forcefully occupied by the Netherlands by unilateral action.
- 2. Since the first days of 1950, the Republic of Indonesia, outside as well as within the United Nations, has been trying indefatigably to find a peaceful solution

His Excellency U Thant Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations New York whereby West Irian can be returned to the fold of the Republic without bloodshed. Permeated by this peaceful desire, His Excellency President Sukarno as well as the Government of the Republic of Indonesia in the past several weeks have repeatedly expressed the Indonesian decision to accept the so-called Bunker proposal in principle. The Government of the Netherlands, of course, has been aware of this.

On the other hand, as against forthright acceptance in principle by my Government, the Government of the Netherlands until this very moment has not made it clear whether it has or has not accepted the Bunker proposal. So far it has expressed willingness only to discuss the proposal, which falls very short from Indonesia's well-known decision of acceptance.

3. Reported landings of Indonesians in the territory of West Irian cannot be termed part of an act of aggression committed by the Government of Indonesia, as claimed by the Netherlands Government. Indonesians who have entered and who in future will continue to enter West Irian, are Indonesian nationals who move into Indonesia's own territory now dominated by the Dutch by force. In this connection the armed forces of the Republic of

Indonesia have only been doing their duty by giving full protection to Indonesian nationals while moving in an integral part of the Republic of Indonesia, namely West Irian.

4. It is glaringly clear that it is the Netherlands which has resorted to aggression in part of Indonesian
territory by forcefully occupying West Irian since December 27,
1949. This act of aggression perpetrated by the Netherlands
has been the more naked of late by the despatch of more
Dutch land, sea and air forces to West Irian to strengthen
her military garrisons in that area and thereby to perpetuate
colonialism in all its worst aspects within part of the
territory of the Republic of Indonesia.

The sinking of the Indonesian MTB "Matjan Tutul" on the high seas off the Aru Islands and the recent shooting down of an unarmed Indonesian Dakota plane by a Dutch Neptune Airforce plane are vivid and undisputable examples of Dutch aggression.

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5. The Netherlands Government in its note to
Your Excellency unashamedly endeavoured to confuse the
meaning and significance of article 73 of the United Nations
Charter and of General Assembly resolution 1514/XV.

Article 73 cannot be applied to West Irian as it forms an integral part of the Republic of Indonesia, illegally occupied by force by the Netherlands Government and its armed forces to perpetuate its domination over Indonesian territory. Likewise, resolution 1514/XV cannot be applied to the case of West Irian in view of paragraph 6 which declares that "the partial or total disruption of the national unity and the territorial integrity of a country is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter".

- 6. The Government of the Republic of Indonesia wishes to reiterate its sincerest appreciation for Your Excellency's endeavours, whether direct, or indirect through the Bunker proposal, to help reach a peaceful solution on the West Irian question. It is a matter of regret that the Netherlands Government has not shown any sign of interest towards these efforts.
- 7. As regards the proposal for the despatch of United Nations observers to West Irian by Your Excellency, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia wishes to reiterate its stand that the implementation of the proposal must require prior consent of the Government of Indonesia.

My Government does not see the need for the despatch of observers as it will not at all contribute to the settlement of the West Irian problem.

- 8. Whenever the United Nations is sincere in the desire to help solve the West Irian problem it can do so by eradicating Dutch colonialism from West Irian and returning that territory into the fold of the Republic of Indonesia.
- 9. The Government of the Republic of Indonesia has repeatedly expressed its keen desire to have the West Irian question solved by peaceful means. Indonesia's efforts in the past twelve years bear witness to this.

A peaceful settlement remains today our hope, so long as such a settlement is feasible and possible. However, the stubbornness and haughtiness displayed by the Netherlands do not contribute to such a peaceful solution. As a consequence the Republic of Indonesia is forced to find other means and to take other measures.

10. The Government of the Republic of Indonesia is of the firm opinion that any measure it may resort to to eliminate foreign aggression and its attendant colonialism

in West Irian and to restore its administration in that area is consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter. The Government of the Republic of Indonesia and its people shall continue in their struggle until this noble aim is fully achieved.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dr. Subandrio

Deputy Chief Minister/ Minister of Foreign Affairs



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> Sukardjo Wirjopranoto Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations

His Excellency Mr. U Thant Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations New York

Sir,

I have been instructed by the Acting Secretary-General to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 23 May 1962, concerning military developments in West New Oninea. As the Secretary-General indicated to you, the text of this letter was handed to the Permanent Representative of Indonesia for his information.

I should also like to inform you that the letter has been issued as a United Nations document, under No. 3/5126.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Upon request of Mr.Bartlett of US Mission, and after checking with SecGen) I read the text of Amb. Schurmann's letter to SecGen of 26 May and text of Mr. Narasimhan's letter to Amb. Bunker of 28 May, to Miss MacNutt in Amb. Bunker's office in Washington.

30 May 1962

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28 May 1962

Dear Ambassador Bunker,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I send herewith a copy of a communication received from Ambassador Schurmann, Permanent Representative of the Metherlands.

In a telephone conversation with me, Ambassador Schurmann explained to me that the second sentence of the first paragraph of his letter means that, in case satisfactory arrangements are not made for self-determination by the Papuans, the Netherlands was not committed to the transfer of the territory to Indonesia.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. Marasimhan Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency Mr. Ellsworth Bunker Department of State Washington, D.C.

Please forward a copy to m. Elsenth Brenze der information. <u>c.v.</u>



New York, 26 May 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Netherlands Government are prepared to continue the talks with Indonesia on the basis of the Bunker proposals under the guidance of Mr. Bunker. However, this does not mean that transfer of Netherlands New Guinea to Indonesia has been accepted as a precondition.

The Netherlands Government naturally assume that, if the talks are resumed, the Indonesian military aggression should cease forthwith.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C.W.A. Schurmann

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The Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations

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HIS EXCELLENCY DR. JAN B. DE QUAY PRIME MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS THE HAGUE (NETHERLANDS)

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I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR RESPONDING TO MY APPEAL TO RESUME MEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE BUNKER PROPOSALS. I WOULD NOW URGENTLY APPEAL TO YOUR EXCELLENCY TO ORDER THE IMMEDIATE ENDING OF ALL HOSTILITIES IN WEST NEW GUINEA SO THAT THE REGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY ON THE BASIS OF THE BUNKER PROPOSALS MAY TAKE PLACE UNDER THE MOST PAYOURABLE CONDITIONS. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT, IN VIEW OF THE EXCELLENT CHANCES FOR A PRACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM, THIS APPEAL HIS EXCELLENCY WILL BE NEEDED. I AM ADDRESSING A SIMILAR TELEGRAM TO/THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.

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Reply from the Prime Minister of the Netherlands to the telegram sent to him by the Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations on May 29, 1962.

"The Netherlands Government fully share your desire that all hostilities should cease immediately. We for our part have not undertaken any hostilities; we have only made use of our right of legitimate self defense in conformity with article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations".

The Hague, June 1, 1962



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The text of the Prime Minister's reply to the Acting Secretary-General will be released in the Netherlands on June 2, 1962 at 11. a.m. local time.

Confidential comment by the Netherlands
Council of Ministers on the Prime Minister's
message to the Acting Secretary-General:

"The Netherlands Government hope that those responsible for the Indonesian parachutist landings on the West coast of West New Guinea will desist from continuing these or similar aggressive actions. The Netherlands Government, for its part, will intern those already landed."

The Hague, June 1, 1962 🖍



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June 5, 1962

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to Your Excellency from President Sukarno of the Republic of Indonesia.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sukardjo Wirjopranoto
Permanent Representative of Indonesia

to the United Nations

His Excellency U Thant Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations New York

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Excellency,

I have received your cable of May 29, 1962, containing your appeal for resumption of negotiations on the basis of the Bunker proposals. I appreciate your unceasing efforts to bring the parties together for speedy peaceful settlement of the West Irian dispute.

As you know, from the very beginning of the dispute, my Government has always endeavoured to solve the West Irian problem by peaceful means, both bilaterally with the Netherlands and through the United Nations.

Indeed we accepted promptly the principles of the Bunker proposals, in order to pave the way for a peaceful and orderly solution. The Netherlands instead did not react favourably to the Bunker proposals. On the contrary, with increasing speed they reinforced their occupational strength on land, sea, and air in such a way that it will jeopardize the security of Indonesia as a whole.

His Excellency U Thant Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations New York

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The quality and quantity of the Netherlands forces in West Irian now certainly do not reflect merely the assignment of the forceful occupation of West Irian which after all is an act of aggression.

It is for this reason, that we have to stepup our military activities which is also meant to protect
the people of West Irian itself against the increasing
cruel suppression by the Netherlands. Hundreds of
innocent people were shot or imprisoned, while others
are incarcerated in the notorious concentration camp
of Boven Digul which seemed to be reinaugurated for this
purpose.

Despite all these gloomy prospects of a peaceful solution, my Government still supports all efforts to settle this problem of West Irian along the principles of the Bunker proposals. In this context once again we appreciate your unceasing efforts to induce both parties to accept the principles of the Bunker proposals. This is the only way to settle the West Irian issue peacefully and quickly.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sukarno

President of the Republic of Indonesia

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HIS EXCELLENCY DR. SUKARNO PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA DJAKARTA (INDONESIA)

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EXCELLENCY.

I HAVE THE HOMOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED 5 JUNE 1962, IN REPLY TO MY CABLE OF 29 MAY 1962.

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I WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT THERE COULD BE AN ENDING OF ALL HOSTILITIES ON BOTH SIDES ONCE THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN RESUMED.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY RIGHEST CONSIDERATION. U THAMA. ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

C. T. MARABIMHAN, CHEF DE CADIMET

cc Bern. Rep. of Indonesia Preshelease 56/1215

7 June 1962

Dear Mr. Bunker,

I have been asked by the Acting Secretary-Ceneral to send you copies of the exchange of communications between him and the President of Indonesia, which are enclosed.

With kind regards,

Teurs sincerely,

C. V. Naraalmings Chef de Cabinet

The Renourable Mr. Elisworth Bunker c/c State Department Washington, D.C.

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8 June 1962

Dear Mr. Bunker,

You may remember that at your last meeting with U Thant you expressed a wish to have some notes regarding the methods adopted in the past to give an opportunity to people to exercise the right of self determination. I am accordingly sending you a Secretariat paper giving a background to a United Nations supervised plebiscites in two cases.

If you want the documentation I can arrange to send a complete set to you. If there is any other way in which I can be helpful, please do let me know.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. Marasimhen Chef de Cabinet

The Honourable Mr. Ellsworth Bunker c/o Department of State Washington, D.C.

cc - Miss Gervals

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EXCELLENCY,

I WISH TO REFER TO MY CABLE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY DATED 6 JUNE 1962. I HAVE SINCE BEEN INFORMED BY THE PROMABENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ENTREPLANDS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE THE PROPOSALS OF AMBASSADOR BURKER. IN THEMS. HE THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HOPE THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER DELAY IN THE RESUMPTION OF ENCOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF AMBASSADOR MUNICER. I WOULD RETERATE THE HOPE THAT THERE COULD BE AN ENDING OF HOSTILITIES ON BOTH SIDES ONCE THE MUDOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN RESUMED. I AM PUBLISHING THE CONTENTS OF THIS CABLE DOMEDIATELY IN VIEW OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THIS MATTER.

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HIS EXCELLENCY DR. SUKARNO PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA DJARARTA, INDONESIA

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#### EXCELLENCY

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Mr. Schurmann, who just called me, asked me to tell you that a Netherlands Foreign Office spokesman has just told journalists that the Government did not believe it could add anything useful to your attempts to explain the position. All we had to weit for now was the Indonesians to return to the conference table.

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11.20 a.m. 21.VI.62

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Sir.

I have the honour to inform you that Indonesia has again proceeded to drop parachutists on Netherlands New Guinea, this time near Mercuke. In the night of 23/24 June 1962 a number of armed Indonesian parachutists, estimated at 100 in all, were dropped in the neighbourhood of the said town, situated on the South coast of New Guinea, from three aeroplanes (probably of the Hercules type), in four different places, each at a distance of about 25 kilometres from the other. Furthermore, there are indications that considerable quantities of stocks and military equipment have been dropped.

The Netherlands forces have immediately taken steps for the exact location and combatting of the Indonesian infiltrators.

The Netherlands Government has taken cognizance with indignation of this new act of aggression committed by Indonesia, just at the time when the prospects for resumption of the talks with Indonesia about the proposals made by Ambassador Bunker seemed more favourable. It is hardly possible to view this act otherwise than as an expression of a conscious policy on the part of Indonesia to prefer an armed conflict to the clear possibilities now existing for the peaceful solution of the dispute under the guidance of the Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations.

I would be grateful to you if you would kindly circulate this letter as a Security Council document.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

C.V.A. Schurmann

The Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations

New York

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27th June 1962

Joseph .

My dear Secretary-General,

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a statement by the Prime Minister of Australia on 26th June 1962, concerning developments in West New Guinea.

Yours sincerely,

J. Plimsoll

Permanent Representative

His Excellency U Thant Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York

# STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA (RT HON. R.G. MENZIES)

## 26TH JUNE 1962

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One is that this warlike action is quite inconsistent with the statements publicly and repeatedly made to us, that Indonesia would not pursue its territorial claim to West New Guinea by force of arms.

The other is that the negotiations recently begun in the presence of Mr Bunker after initiating action by the Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations, have yet to be resumed and concluded. We find it impossible to understand why the processes of peaceful negotiation should be interrupted and impaired by military aggression.

We would like to say once more that we desire and will respect a peaceful settlement arising from such negotiation; that active hostilities can achieve nothing but unnecessary bitterness; and that peace in this part of the world is important, not only to the nations immediately concerned but to the whole future of South East Asia and the South West Pacific. It is also important for the future authority of the United Nations that international territorial differences should be settled without either the threat or the use of armed force.

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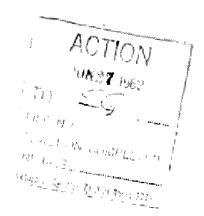
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HIS EXCELLENCY
DR. SUKARNO
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
LJAKARTA, INDONESIA

#### EXCELLENCY.

MAVE THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE OF 27 JUNE, THE CONTENTS OF WHICH I CONVEYED TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE METHERLANDS THAT VERY SAME DAY. TODAY I RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR SCHURMANN A REPLY CONFIRMING MY INTERPRETATION AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE HETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS ONCE MORE THAT, AS WAS ALREADY APPARENT FROM ITS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS, IT ACCEPTS THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AS LAID DOWN IN THE BUNKER PROPOSALS ON CONDITION THAT IT WILL RECEIVE, EQUALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUNKER PROPOSALS, ADEQUATE CONDITIONS AND GUARANTEES FOR THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE PAPUANS. UNQUOTE

REGARDING THE STATEMENT BY A SPOKESMAN OF THE NETHERLANDS MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, MENTIONED IN YOUR TELEGRAM, THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NETHERLANDS WAS AUTHORIZED TO INFORM ME THAT NO SUCH STATEMENT EXISTS AND THAT NEITHER THE AFOREMENTIONED MINISTRY NOR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY HAD MADE SUCH A STATEMENT.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, I FEEL IT APPROPRIATE TO MITERATE MY REQUEST, MADE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY EARLIER THIS MONTH, TO EXPEDITE THE DESIGNATION OF TOUR PLENIPOTENTIARY FOR THE DISCUSSIONS ENVISAGED.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST COMBIDERATION. U THANT
ACTING CRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
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His Excellency Dr. Sukarno

President of the Republic of Indonesia

Djakarta

Indonesia

Excellency,

Have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your message of 27 June, the contents of which I conveyed to the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands that very same day. Today I received from Explanation Schurmann a reply confirming my interpretation as follows:

"The Netherlands Government confirms once more that, as was already apparent from its previous statements, it accepts the sequence of events as laid down in the Bunker proposals on condition that it will receive, equally in accordance with the Bunker proposals, adequate conditions and guarantees for the rights and interests of the Fapuans."

Regarding the statement by a spokesman of the Netherlands
Ministry of the Interior, mentioned in your telegram, the
Permanent Representative of the Netherlands was authorized to
inform me that no such statement exists and that neither the aforementioned Ministry nor any other Government authority had made such
a statement.

In view of the above, I feel it appropriate to reiterate my request, made to year earlier this month, to expedite the designation of your Plenipotentiary for the discussions envisaged.

Handed over to me by And. Sohoman Lang In comparated in my uply to President Sukeums today. Quar.

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Ambassador Schurmann called me shortly after noon July 4, to inform you of following reaction to Sukarno's cable.

Netherlands Government are of course prepared for discussions envisaged, but would appreciate if contact remained through Secretary-General or the person designated by him (Bunker).

He also wanted to apprise you orally of incident 28 June when 4 Indonesian transport planes flew over certain New Guines territory and dropped material and food stuffs for guerilla forces. No request to communicate this to Member states, but Metherlands Government might refer to this notification in subsequent more official messages to U.N. organs. Have notified Bunker of first part of message.

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My dear Ambassador Bunker,

Following our telephone call this morning, I am sending you enclosed a copy of President Sukarno's cable to the Secretary-General, dated 4 July.

As I told you, Ambassador Schurmann informed me that the Netherlands Government were, of course, prepared for the discussions envisaged but would appreciate if the contacts remained through the Secretary-General, or the person designated by him, namely you. We felt that neither the cable nor the statement required any replies at the present time and none is being prepared.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Engers

The Honorable Mr. Ellsworth Bunker Department of State, Room 6209 Washington 25, D.C.

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Further our . Bunker told me that discussions were off
to a good start, will continue on Saturday, to be resumed on Monday.
Indonesian delegation consists of Ambassadors Malik and Surio Panday,
Betherlands delegation Ambassadors van Noyen and Schurmann.
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delegation tomorrow to four, adding Ambassadors Sain and Sudjarwo.

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SG-AS AT THE REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR BUNKER WE HAVE

ISSUED FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE AGREED BY BOTH PARTIES : QUOTE DELE
CATIONS REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE METHERLANDS AND INDOMESIA

HAVE RESUMED TALKS IN THE PRESENCE OF MR. ELISHOPTH BUNKER, WHO \*

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ES REPRESENTING THE ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED MATIONS,
LOOKING TOWARD A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE WEST NEW GUINEA

DISPUTE ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BUNKER PLAN .

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W Bunker

14 July 1962

My dear Ambassador Bunker,

I am sending you herewith three copies of yesterday's communiqué as it was issued at United Nations Headquarters.

Yours sincerely,

J. F. Engers
Executive Officer
Office of the Secretary-General

The Honorable Ellsworth Bunker Department of State Washington 25, D. C.

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Press Release SG/1261 13 July 1962

#### NETHERLANDS AND INDONESIA RESUME NEGOTIATIONS

The office of the Acting Secretary-General today announced the following joint communique:

"Delegations representing the Governments of the Netherlands and Indonesia have resumed talks in the presence of Mr. Ellsworth Bunker, who is representing the Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations, looking toward a peaceful settlement of the West New Guinea dispute on the basis of the principles of the Bunker Plan."

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE OPENING STATEMENT BY THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION AT THE RESUMED PRIVATE TALKS ON WEST NEW GUINEA, TEXT OF WHICH WILL BE RELEASED TO PRESS TOMORROW MORNING IF AND AFTER VAN ROYEN HAS RECEIVED NECESSARY AUTHORISATION FROM THE HAGUE.

QUOTE THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION IS VERY HAPPY AT THE.

MESUMPTION OF THESE SECRET PRELIMINARY TALKS AND I PERSONALLY VELCOME THE RETURN OF AMEASSADOR MALIK TO THESE HOSPITABLE SURROUNDINGS. WE ARE VERY GLAD THAT AMBASSADOR BURKER HAS FOUND IT POSSIBLE AGAIN TO BE PRESENT AS THIRD PARTY AT THESE MEGOTIATIONS. PARA I SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY-

OF MAKING A SHORT STATEMENT . I WISH TO DO SO IN ORDER TO TAKE AWAY ANY UNCERTAINTY WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA MAY STILL FEEL WITH REGARD TO THE POSITION AND ATTITUDE OF THE METHERLANDS GOVERNMENT IN RESPECT OF THE BUNKER PROPOSALS. PARA I THEREFORE WISH TO REPEAT WHAT.

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I HAVE ALREADY SAID TO MR. ZAIN, MY INDOMESIAN COLLEAGUE IN WASHINGTON. PARA THE METHERLANDS GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE BUNKER PROPOSALS IN PRINCIPLE. THIS MEANS THAT MY GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS PROPOGALS IN PRINCIPLE. THIS MEANS THAT MY GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS
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OF U.H. ADMINISTRATION THERE WILL BE A PERIOD OF FULL ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BY INDONESIA FOLLOWED, AFTER A NUMBER OF YEARS STILL TO BE SPECIFIED, BY THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PAPUANS. PARA THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE METREPLANDS GOVERNMENT

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ONLY TO THE ONE CONDITION MENTIONED IN POINT & OF THE NUMBER PROPOSALS, NAMELY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS RECEIVES ADEQUATE GUARANTEES FOR SAFE-GUARDING THE INTEREST, INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, OF THE PAPUANS. UNQUOTES ENGERS NEWYORK+

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