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ik had heden een gesprek met tange naar aanleiding van de indonesische reactie op uitslatingen van menzies in een televisietoespraak te melbourne aanzien nieuw guinea (vide mijn koerierbrief 594 van 4 augustus j.l.). hierin zou menzies onder meer van de mogelijkheid hebben ge- rept van het ontstaan van een onafhankelijk gebied het gehele eiland nieuw guinea omvattend. de juiste tekst van de woorden van menzies had tange nog niet aangezien bandopname procedure bij de televisie nog niet goed is geregeld. subandrio ont- bood mcintyre en deelde mede dat de betskenis van de woorden van menzies een expansionistisch karakter droeg en niet in overeenstemming was met de geest van het casey/subandrio communique weshalve juiste tekst en clarificatie op prijs zou worden gesteld. subandrio zeide van een muis geen berg te willen maken en bereid te zijn de kwestie dood te zwijgen, doch dat de druk van communisten in indonesie de nieuw guinea kwestie dit jaar voor de v.n. te brengen groot en kritiek van collega's op hem ernstig was. desalniettemin gaf subandrio het u bekende 4 augustus communique uit met bedekte dreigementen. tange zal mij het antwoord aan mcintyre mededelen zodra dit is geformuleerd. hij sprak eigener beweging ook nog over de spanningen in laos die gevaarlijk zijn en een precedent konden vormen.

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volgt volledige tekst televisie interview menzies quote fact nations unquote van 2 augustus quote question dbbpnt mr menzies after your recent visit to thehague you reaffirmed australias support for dutch sovereignty in westnieuwguinea stp indonesians seemed to take this as change of front on part of australian government stp is that so vrgtkn mr menzies dbbpnt no it is not stp you may remember that after happy visit hk the very happy visit slhk i thought by dr subandrio to australia kma i made speech in parliament in which i indicated what our policy was in light of our discussions with him stp now it was quite clear kma it was and is quite clear that we support dutch claim to sovereignty stp i put it to subandrio myself that i would like to know what legal basis was of indonesian claim to sovereignty stp and he explained at once that it was not on legal grounds but on political grounds kma and that was why matter had never been taken by indonesie to international court stp now that represents no change of front at all on our part stp we have frequently repeated we recognise dutch sovereignty stp if that sovereignty is to be changed then it must be changed only by agreement truly negotiated between themselves and indonesians or by decision of the court stp that was our position stp that remains our position stp question dbbpnt speaking of subandrio kma when he was here in february i think it was kma there was joint communique in course of which there was hope that was expressed that there might be some day treaty of friendship between two nations stp has that matter been carried any further vrgtkn mr menzies dbbpnt well i do not know what has happened during my absence but as you may have heard i have arrangement to go to indonesia myself before end of the year stp i do not know what date but i have accepted invitation to go there before end of year stp and in that event of course kma we would pursue it and very properly kma because one thing which was quite clear during subandrios visit was that we had no points of difference kma speaking in essential terms kma other than our difference of view as to sovereignty of westnieuwguinea stp and therefore kma there is ample scope for friendship and honourable association stp question dbbpnt before leaving the subject mr menzies kma what do you foresee for ultimate future of dutch newguinea vrgtkn mr menzies dbbpnt well it is very difficult to look into future but if you look far enough then i would hope to see selfgovernment in newguinea and i think there would be great merit myself in seeing that as self government of entire islands stp you see treating it as a whole

because ethnologically there are very few distinctions to be made between people of the west and people of east and people of papua stp now our policy as you know has been and is to promote welfare of native people kma many of whom of course are still living in their remote and rather savage conditions but to promote their welfare so that some day kma which is certainly not going to be next year or year after or something like that pntkma some day they will be brought to state of life in which they can accept selfgovernment stp and so far as dutch are concerned they have told us they have same ultimate ambition for their people kma and therefore in long run it wont perhaps be in my time as prime minister but in due course kma with all efforts we can make in meantime to promote their welfare kma we may find independent nation of native new guinea citizens conducting their own affairs and i hope living in terms of close friendship with australia stp unquote

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