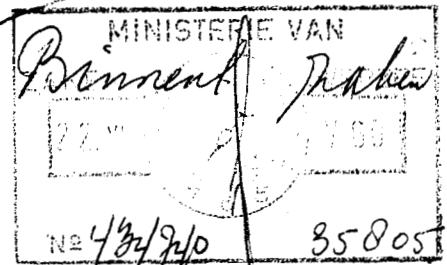


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Met verwijzing naar mijn telex 553 122 laat ik hieronder volgen de uitvoerige notities, die een van de te Londen geaccrediteerde Nederlandse dagblad-correspondenten heeft gemaakt van hetgeen de Minister-President van Malaya op zijn gisteren alhier gehouden persconferentie met betrekking tot Nederlands Nieuw-Guinea heeft gezegd.

"I consider it as my solemn duty to try to smooth out any differences between the Dutch and Indonesia over West Irian.

It will not be easy, but the United Nations have decided, after all, that the two countries concerned should tackle the problem. I can only try to help them to see reason. If there is any trouble between the two parties concerned about New Guinea, the only party which can get anything out of it are the communists. The example of the Congo has made this clear. We had our troubles for twelve years. The emergency has finished in July only. We therefore don't want to happen anything next door. We don't want to be dragged into any trouble. It is for this reason that I try to remove any danger of unrest or of war in this area.

My plan is going to be the subject of discussion between the Dutch and the Indonesian government and me. I have let the Dutch P.M. know that I am free from Saturday to Saturday. The letter has been posted Wednesday night.

Zijner Excellentie  
de Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken,  
' s - G r a v e n h a g e .

I have seen Nasution, and I have sent our ambassador to see Dr. Subandrio. The Indonesians are prepared to listen to my advice. This is, up to a point, a success because up to now they did not allow anybody to meddle in their affairs.

I have seen Mr. Macmillan and told him what I propose to do. I have informed him of the good intentions behind my step. He made no comment, he has nothing against it. He understood the desire of every country to solve its problems. He listened with great interest.

The announcement of the "New Guinea Council" has not changed my plans. I think it would take a long time to educate this rather backward people. Nobody believes in their political education within 15 years. This is too short, and a dangerous time. A political vacuum would exist, the Dutch could sit back and wait but the Indonesians could get exasperated. I shall try all I can. My plan includes self-determination, too, but in the long run. The people of New Guinea were allowed to run wild, they have never been educated by the Dutch. The people of Europe may believe the Dutch intentions, but we know that they (Papuas) are a wild people, partly even cannibals and can't be educated in 20 years time.

We are so peaceful and so happy in Malaya that we cannot allow anything to happen that may affect peace.

Australia? I am in close contact with Mr. Menzies. After having seen the Dutch government, I may go to Australia. I have to be back to Kuala Lumpur on December 1st, because of an important budget debate. I expect Dr. Subandrio to come and see me when I am at home. I want to see Mr. Menzies before we all go to London, and of March, to attend the conference of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers. Yes, I have seen Mr. Sunario. I have not told him any more than I have told you here, and he had nothing to tell me."

Aangetekend zij, dat mijn telex, gebaseerd op telefonische informatie, onder tertio vermeldt, dat Tunku Abdul Rahman zijn ambassadeur te Djakarta naar Sukarno had gestuurd enz. In bovenstaande aantekeningen wordt daarentegen Subandrio genoemd en gezegd: "The Indonesians are prepared to listen to my advice. This is, up to a point, a success because up to now they did not allow anybody to meddle in their affairs". Het is niet na te gaan welke lezing de juiste is.

De Ambassadeur,  
voor deze,

C.W. van Boetzelaer