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voorgaande communiqué uitgegeven door ministry of external affairs quo the criticisms against the prime minister which appeared daily in the press of indonesia are both uncalled for and unjustified in view of the fact that discussions had taken place between the prime minister and high officials of the indonesian government which were strengthened further by the talks he had with general nasution prior to his departure for europe and america stop it could be assumed therefore that some important measure of understanding had been reached as a result of these talks sufficient to forma

basis for mediation by a leader of a neutral country stop it could not be expected that an issue of this magnitude and long standing could be settled by the prime minister without a series of delicate attempts at mediation on his part stop all he could do at this

stage was to try and find a way in order to enable the parties concerned to meet with a view to having successful talks stop he mentioned on his return from his tour that the indonesian and the netherlands governments could conclude a successful talk on the issue of irian

barat if they so wished stop until the officials in indonesia had studied the reportyby the prime minister it is considered unfair for them to comment at this juncture stop the prime minister himself had been cautious and would not say more than what he had told the press

lest he might transgress the rule of diplomatic etiquette stop he had already stated in the dewan raayat quo i will say nothing here till i have informed the indonesian government on the outcome of the discussions which i had with the secretary-general of the united nations and the netherlands

government stop unquo quo the press communiqué issued after the talks with the netherlands government represents only the dutch point of view as communicated to the prime minister and cannot be taken as the last word stop unfortunately however the indonesian press had taken this communiqué as the final issue and has used it to slander him unquo +

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