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Persbericht over bezoek vertegenwoordigers
streekraden van N.T.G. aan T.P.N.G.

Ten vervolge op mijn schrijven van 23 augustus j.l. no. 935/244, heb ik de eer Uwer Excellentie hiernevens foto-kopie aan te bieden van een bericht uit de "Daily Telegraph" van 31 augustus j.l., onder het opschrift:

"N.G. UNITY "IS KEY TO PEACE".

Blijkens dit bericht hebben de vertegenwoordigers van streekraden uit Nederlands-Nieuw-Guinea aan het einde van hun bezoek aan Native Local Government Councils van New Guinea verklaard dat de toekomst van beide delen van het eiland is gebaseerd op de éénheid van de autochtone bevolking. Zij noemden het thans beëindigde bezoek een belangrijke schakel in een reeks van contacten, die vitaal kan zijn voor de veiligstelling van beide gebiedsdelen in de komende jaren. Voorts verzekeren zij dat zij bij alle te ondernemen aktiviteiten in hun gebiedsdeel rekening zullen houden met de mogelijke consequenties daarvan voor de bevolking van het Oostelijk deel van het eiland.

De over dit bezoek verschenen (schaarse) persberichten maken duidelijk dat er in beide delen van het eiland een saamhorigheidsgevoel bestaat en dat de thans ten einde lopende Nederlands-Australische samenwerking in Nieuw Guinea in ieder geval de verdienste heeft gehad dit saamhorigheidsgevoel te hebben versterkt. In ander verband mocht ik uiteenzetten, tot welke politieke consequenties dit in de gedachtengang ook van vooraanstaande Australiërs kan leiden.

De Attaché voor Nieuw-Guinea Zaken,

H.C. Smith.

Zijner Excellentie
de Staatssecretaris van Binnenlandse Zaken,
'S-GRAVENHAGE.
c.c. Hr. Ms. Ambassadeur, Canberra (2x)

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