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Nota en Memorandum
inzake samenwerking met
Australië in Nieuw-Guinea.

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Met verwijzing naar Haar opdracht en berichtgeving langs andere weg, heb ik de eer Uwer Excellentie hiernevens kopieën aan te bieden van mijn Nota aan de Australische Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken van 27 november 1959, no. 2984 (geheim) met begeleidend confidentieel concept-memorandum inzake de samenwerking op territoriaal gebied tussen Australië en Nederland in Nieuw-Guinea.

De Ambassadeur,

(A.H.J. Lovink)

Zijner Excellentie
de Heer Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken
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Canberra, 27th November, 1959.

No. 2984.

Sir,

In accordance with instructions from my Government and with reference to the Memorandum of Agreement on measures for improving the level of cooperation between Australian and Netherlands territories in New Guinea of November 12th, 1957, I have the honour to submit to You herewith the draft proposal of an addition thereto, whilst requesting the consideration and approval thereof of the Australian Government.

My Government would like to express as its considered opinion, that it will be difficult to attain the object of the Netherlands-Australian policy on cooperation between the territories of both Governments in New Guinea without certain guarantees for the established order and peace on that island, for which purpose international understanding and assistance are imperative.

To this end the cooperation should be supported by a common foreign policy inspired by the following principles to which the adhesion of the Australian Government would be greatly appreciated.

1. At home and abroad both countries will endeavour to promote a better understanding of the importance of their policy for the future of the inhabitants of New Guinea and for the stability in and around the territory concerned.

They will avoid everything which might cause others to doubt their solidarity and their determination to pursue a common policy.

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The Right Honourable
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2. Both Governments are aware that this policy can only be realised if also the safety of Netherlands New Guinea will be guaranteed. The policy of the Netherlands and Australian Governments will continue to be directed to obtain international support in order to safeguard the inviolability of the entire island of New Guinea.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgnd. A.H.J. Lovink)

Netherlands Ambassador

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Additional Memorandum of Agreement on measures for improving the level of cooperation between Australian and Netherlands territories in New Guinea.

1. Experience obtained from the Netherlands-Australian cooperation in New Guinea, based on the Joint-Statement of November 6th, 1957, has shown that this cooperation fulfils definite requirements in the actual administration of both territories and contributes essentially to the advancement of the object of administration i.e. the education of the population in both parts of New Guinea for self-determination.
2. This cooperation, inspired by the existing ethnological and geographical affinity of both parts of New Guinea, as a matter of course not only intensifies contacts between Netherlands and Australian territorial authorities and between the peoples of both parts of the island, but also leads to a growing sense of oneness.
3. However, the possibility has to be taken into consideration that the inhabitants of both parts of New Guinea - at the time of self-determination - will declare themselves in favour of a political unity comprising the entire island of New Guinea.
4. Such a development will serve the interests of the population as well as the future stability of New Guinea and the South Pacific area in general.
5. In order to create a favourable atmosphere for this development and to accelerate the process of emancipation of the indigenous population, the Netherlands and Australian Governments have decided, each on its own territory:
 - a) to synchronize the rate of education and the development of the population in both parts of New Guinea;
 - b) to remove impediments, which might prevent the population of the island of New Guinea from reaching a better mutual understanding of cooperation and solidarity;

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- c) to promote all factors and circumstances which could stimulate the integration of both parts of New Guinea;
- d) to have representatives of the indigenous population participate as much as possible in the territorial cooperation.

6. It is beyond question, that the decision on the future of New Guinea remains reserved to the inhabitants, which implies that everything will be avoided which could give the impression that a certain choice is being imposed.
7. In order to promote the object in view, close and frequent consultations will be held on policy matters between or on behalf of the responsible Ministers, in particular regarding the tempo of the political development in both parts of New Guinea; the territorial authorities will cooperate closely and hold frequent consultations on the execution of the above-mentioned principles.

Canberra, 27th November, 1959.