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Dear Mr. Luns:

I am writing to you again about West New Guinea because of the very great importance to us all that this problem be resolved as soon as possible and in a peaceful manner.

I have studied the revised proposals that Ambassador Bunker has given to Ambassador van Roijen and I consider that these proposals taken as a whole constitute a working paper providing a suitable framework for the resumption of the preliminary talks which in turn could lead to a peaceful and mutually acceptable solution. It is evident as in any negotiation that neither party is committed to any course of action until final agreement is reached. My Government will support an arrangement for the expression of self-determination by the Papuan people which would be a reality and not a mockery.

I earnestly hope that your Government will now move rapidly to indicate its willingness to resume talks.

Sincerely,

**AFOLKREKENING**

/s/ Dean Rusk

His Excellency  
Dr. J. M. A. H. Luns,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
The Hague.

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