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r m c 25 en 28 ontving ik volgende brief van 6
maart j.l. van acting minister external affairs
sir philip mcbride.

on 28th february you discussed with mr casey the
economic interests of the netherlands in indonesia
and left him a memorandum dated 24th february 1958 /with
on this subject.

i am writing to say that the australian govern-
ment has given careful study to the memorandum
you left with mr casey.

the australian government is of the opinion that
the way in which the economic and commercial activities
in indonesia are restored, following the dispossession
of netherlands ownership and management, has great
importance for those countries whose desire it is
that indonesia should not pass under communist
control or influence.

the australian government recognises the peculiar
concern of the netherlands government in this question
because of the losses that have been inflicted, without
compensation, upon the economic interests of the
netherlands.

in the development of its policy towards indonesia,
the australian government will continue to keep prominently
in mind the fact that netherlands interest in indonesia
have been confiscated without compensation and that
obligations undertaken by the indonesian government
have not been fulfilled. the australian government does
not have before it any current proposals involving
the adoption of new policies of aid towards the
government of indonesia which would be of the character
contemplated in the embassies memorandum. the government
has, for some time, been engaged in a programme of
economic and technical aid to indonesia under the

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colombo plan. we have recently reviewed the transactions already approved under this programme. they consist of a large number of small projects involving expenditure in the current financial year of about australian pounds 400,000. the government is of the opinion that they will not affect adversely the satisfaction of the netherlands interests described in the embassies memorandum.

given both the nature and size of this aid programme, the australian government would not consider that there exists a foundation upon which the australian government could formally request the indonesian government to satisfy netherlands claims against indonesia.

the australian government will be pleased to maintain and develop confidential exchanges of information on developments in indonesia and to keep the embassy in touch with our thinking on indonesian questions.

note has been taken of the comments in your memorandum about the possibility that non-indonesian interests will take over enterprises in indonesia which have been confiscated from their lawful netherlands owners, and also of the suggestion that the netherlands owners concerned should be consulted before any such enterprises are taken over by non-indonesian interests. an examination is being made of the possibilities of actions by australian government authorities in this regard, and this might appropriately be the subject of later discussion between the embassy and the department of external affairs. ,,

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noot: een kopie van het verbaal memorandum hetwelk ik 24 februari j.l. bij minister casey achterliet en
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waarnaar in bovenstaand telegram wordt verwezen,
moge hiernevens worden aangeboden.

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the confused and disturbed situation in indonesia has been caused to a great extent by the anti-netherlands policy of the indonesian government to oust all netherlands interests in every walk of life.

as a result of this spoliation policy a vacuum has been created in this politically, economically and strategically important area. how this vacuum should be filled is a question of great importance to western countries in order to prevent that indonesia will be lost to the free world.

the netherlands considers itself duty bound to take the initiative for consultations on this subject since netherlands interests are primarily involved, not only in view of the possibility of obtaining compensation but also with regard to future participation of the netherlands in the economic relations of indonesia.

x in this light the netherlands would greatly appreciate to be kept informed about the australian policy with regard to indonesia and would highly welcome a continuous exchange of information as to the developments in indonesia, in particular with regard to the relations between the central government and the outer islands, which will be decisive for the future of that country.

in case a situation might develop in indonesia which would somehow create a favourable climate for western support, any consideration thereof should be accompanied by a demand that indonesia will be prepared to come to an arrangement with the netherlands concerning the unwarranted confiscation of netherlands interests and the non-fulfilment of its governmental obligations.

the netherlands knows it can expect full understanding and co-operation for its endeavours to obtain compensation in one form or another for its losses in indonesia.

although it does not seem likely that those netherlands interests which are now under indonesian control, will ever revive as western enterprises in the old sense, there should be no question that foreign private interests would simply take over those enterprises which have been sequestered from their lawful netherlands owners, since this would cause complications and bring forth claims for damage.

consequently it seems advisable that foreign interests before taking over such enterprises consult the netherlands owners concerned.

it is hoped that the australian government will further such a procedure as much as possible.

canberra, a.c.t.
24th february, 1958.