

Dr. J.M.A.H. Luns

New York, October 20, 1961.

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My dear Ambassador,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 17th instant with the attached personal message of Lord Home. Will you lend your kind intermediary in order that the following reply be transmitted to Lord Home.

"Thank you very much for your personal message on your talks with Dr. Subandrio. The endorsement of our proposals by the General Assembly could only be thwarted if the Indonesians were to succeed in their campaign against them. Our plans provide, as you know, for an orderly transfer of Netherlands sovereignty on the basis of the findings of a commission to be sent out by the United Nations. It goes without saying that my Government could not be party to a development which would pervert our proposals and serve as a facade for eventual transfer

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Permanent Representative of the

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of the territory to Indonesia without a completely free and bona fide exercise of the right of self-determination by the Papuan people. I have instructed Baron Bentinck to give you any additional clarification you may wish for".

Believe me, my dear Ambassador,

Yours sincerely,