

*Hoge commissaris te Djakarta (Hirschfeld) aan minister van Uniezaken en Overzeese Rijksdelen (Van Maarseveen), 10 juni 1950*

Mede voor Drees, Stikker en Blom.

Heden kwam Bihin mij strikt persoonlijk brengen een afschrift van antwoord van Hatta d.d. 8 Juni op brief van UNCI. Dit antwoord als volgt:

'I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 3 1950 nr. UNCI/537 and to inform you as follows:

It should be noted that with regard to obligations of Government of USI in terms of RTC-agreements both participants have fully agreed that article 2 of agreement on transitional measures is not to be viewed upon as to compel Indonesia to maintain federal structure of Government forever transfer of sovereignty otherwise being not unconditional. (see art. 1 charter of transfer of sovereignty). As regards exercise of right of selfdetermination of peoples of Indonesia Government of USI is of opinion that this is to be guaranteed by establishing autonomous provinces or other autonomous communities. The unitarian state to be created is indeed, as can be assured here, to be a state with far reaching decentralized Govern. systems. In meantime preparations are made to hold general elections leading to formation of constituent assembly as stipulated in provisional constitution. This constituent assembly together with Government will enact final constitution displaying real democratic features of our unitarian state'.

Ik heb Bihin uitdrukkelijk gevraagd ook een officieel afschrift te mogen ontvangen. Bij dit gesprek bleek mij, dat in de boezem van de UNCI nog geen definitieve beslissing was genomen over formele communicatie dezer briefwisseling aan ons. Ik heb Bihin nadrukkelijk verzocht dit te willen doorzetten. Bihin had nog geen reactie van zijn collega's op bovenstaande brief. Persoonlijk leek hem deze brief niet bevredigend.