

*Ambassadeur te Canberra (Teppema) aan minister van Buitenlandse Zaken (Stikker), 4 mei 1950*

Onderstaand telegram onder 2 aan Dirvo.

In aansluiting aan mijn 1 bericht ik U heden van Burton een schrijven d.d. 3 Mei te hebben ontvangen, waarvan hieronder de vrijwel letterlijke tekst volgt:

'Reference letter 20 April enclosing aide-mémoire re NG.

Hood was to present note shortly after arrival but because credentials not arrived he made no formal approach. He did, informally, make known Australian Governments views on the matter. Minister wanted you to know this because there has been as yet no comment by your Government on views Minister put forward and he would like you to know of this delay which gives additional time for any comment. Present intention is for Hood to make formal approach soon after presentation of credentials. Minister asks me to reiterate his message to you that it remains earnest desire of the Government to deal with this most difficult and most vitally important question to us and to you in close harmony and understanding. It is in that spirit which he invites comments on viewpoint he has put forward'.