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NOTE OF THE SECRETARIAT

Cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter: reports of the Ad Hoc Committee on Factors (Non-Self-Governing Territories) and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories: (a) Netherlands Antilles and Surinam; (b) Puerto Rico

(a) Netherlands Antilles and Surinam

Delegations have already received documents A/2177 and A/2331 which form part of the Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Annexes. Document A/2177 dated 15 September 1952 contains a note by the Secretary-General and document A/2331 dated 19 December 1952 gives a brief account of the action taken by the Fourth Committee and the General Assembly at its seventh session, as well as a check list of documents.

Paragraphs 42-50 of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Factors dated 4 August 1953 (A/2422 which has also been already distributed) deal with the cessation of the transmission of information on the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam.

The principal document submitted by the Netherlands Government is in the form of a communication dated 31 August 1951 completed by a communication dated 30 November 1951. It contains an explanatory note and constitutional texts and bears the symbol A/3.4/200. It was distributed on 8 January 1952.

In document A/AC.67/3 dated 24 July 1953 considered by the 1953 Ad Hoc Committee on Factors (Non-Self-Governing Territories), a communication referring to the cessation of information on Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles, sent by the Netherlands Government to the Secretary-General on 23 July 1953, is presented verbatim.

(b) Puerto Rico

Delegations have already received document A/2465 (General Assembly, Official Records: Eighth Session, Supplement No.15) which gives an account of the discussions of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories on the subject (Paragraphs 27-67).

In addition, document A/AC.35/L.121 of 3 April 1953 contains the following texts:

- (i) A communication of 15 January 1953 from the United States Mission to the Secretary-General
- (ii) A similar communication of 20 March 1953
- (iii) The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- (iv) A memorandum by the United States Government on the cessation of the transmission of information in respect of Puerto Rico
- (v) A letter of 17 January 1953 from the Governor of Puerto Rico to the President of the United States.

This document was submitted to, and considered by, the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories at its fourth session in 1953.
