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LETTER DATED 21 DECEMBER 1948 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
INDONESIA TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the request made by members of the Security Council at the Council's meeting on Monday, 20 December, asking that both parties supply information to members of the Council for perusal before the next Council session, the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia wishes to state that, in the light of the communications received on 19 and 20 December from the Committee of Good Offices in Indonesia (Security Council Documents S/1129 and S/1129/Add.1) we do not feel it necessary to issue to the members of the Council any supplementary material. We feel that the statements of the Council's own Committee on the spot are adequate indications of the true state of affairs in Indonesia. We do not wish to burden the members of the Council with any more documents; we feel that it will be sufficient, as an exposition of our case, merely to call their attention to certain major points in the last two telegrams received from the Committee of Good Offices.

In Document S/1129, which is a cable from the Committee of Good Offices, sent from Kaliurang on 18 December, we call your attention to the following:

1. The letter sent by Dr. Hatta, Vice-President and Premier of the Republic, to the American member of the Good Offices Committee, dated 13 December, which constitutes a last-minute effort to bridge the gap between the parties. (pages 2, 3 and 4).
2. The letter of the American member of the Committee of Good Offices, Mr. Cochran, to the Netherlands Delegation, dated 17 December. (pages 7, 8, 9 and 10).

In Mr. Cochran's letter you will find his report of the virtual impossibility of the Republican Government giving a considered reply to the Dutch ultimatum of December 13, because of the time limits set by the Dutch. (page 8, paragraph 3.)

Mr. Cochran's letter includes several questions to the Netherlands Delegation which touch the core of the problem in Indonesia and the outrageous nature of the Dutch demands, in violation of the Renville Agreement.

In Document S/1129/Add.1, which is a supplement to the earlier cable and which was sent from Batavia on 19 December by the American member and the

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deputy Australian member of the Committee of Good Offices, we call your attention to the following:

1. The letter of the Netherlands Delegation to the Committee of Good Offices, announcing the Netherlands Government's repudiation of the Truce Agreement, in which it is stated: "The Republican Government has been informed accordingly." (of the Netherlands Government's repudiation of the Truce Agreement). (page 1.)
2. Points 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 on page 5 of this document, which prove that neither the Committee of Good Offices as a whole nor the Republican Government was given notice of the Netherlands Government's repudiation of the Truce Agreement. Thus, in their repudiation of the Renville Truce Agreement, the Netherlands have not fulfilled the requirements of Article 10 of the Truce Agreement.

We also call the attention of the members of the Council to the Fourth Interim Report of the Committee of Good Offices (Security Council Document S/1085, dated 15 November 1948) and to the Special Report of the Committee of Good Offices (Document S/1117, dated 13 December 1948).

We feel, sir, that the record of Dutch activities in Indonesia, as reported by the Committee of Good Offices, speaks for itself.

May I take this opportunity to renew to the President and to the representatives on the Security Council the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) L.N. PALAR

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Security Council
