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CABLEGRAM DATED 8 JANUARY 1949 FROM THE COMMITTEE OF GOOD OFFICES TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1. The Committee acknowledges receipt of the Assistant Secretary-General's telegram conveying the text of a letter dated 3 January from the representative of the Netherlands to the President of the Security Council. This letter states: ... 'certain statements of the Committee of Good Offices are not entirely in accordance with the facts. For example, the paragraph of the Committee of Good Offices report of 29 December stating that all military observers had been concentrated in Batavia is not correct. Some military observers have remained in the field since beginning of the action.'
2. In paragraph 7 of the Committee's report of 29 December the following statement appears, 'notwithstanding the request made to the Netherlands Government in its letter of 25 December, the Committee's military observers have been concentrated in Batavia.' It will be noted that the word "all" used in the Netherlands representative's letter does not appear in the text as telegraphed by the Committee.
3. The situation regarding military observers on 29 December was as follows: Of a total of forty-three observers thirty were normally stationed in the field. Of the latter all but four had returned to Batavia at the direction of local Netherlands Commanders. Of these four, one was enroute by sea from Sourabaya to Batavia in charge of a shipment of jeeps, while the remaining three comprised a team normally stationed at Salatiga which had moved to Semarang at the commencement of hostilities. This team has not been in a position to observe or report. Subsequently a large number of the observers who returned to Batavia have been sent to Bandoeng for the purpose of more easily accommodating them. In these circumstances it is clear that the statement in paragraph 7 of the Committee's report of 29 December, that its military observers were 'concentrated in Batavia' was accurate.
4. From the second and third paragraphs of the letter of the Netherlands representative, it appears that the view taken by the Netherlands Government as to the responsibilities of the Committee differs from that of the Committee itself. The Committee considers that the Security Council has imposed upon it the task of reporting upon the implementation in Indonesia of the Security Council's resolution of 24 December. The nature of this resolution, which calls for action "forthwith" permits no delay in these reports.

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