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TELEGRAM FROM THE NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL DATED 6 AUGUST 1947

The President of the Security Council

Washington, 6 August 1947

I have the honor to inform you that I have been instructed to transmit to you the following message of the President and the Prime Minister of East Indonesia.

"The East Indonesian Government has taken cognizance with surprise of reports regarding the requests addressed by the Governments of Australia and India to the Security Council to intervene in the conflict between the Netherlands and the Republic. The East Indonesian Government considers these requests to be a misapprehension of the essential character of the conflict and an interference in internal affairs of Indonesia, which may result in a threat to world peace. The East Indonesian Government through their Prime Minister Nadjamceddin has expressed its agreement with the decision of the Netherlands Government to initiate police action against those elements of the Republic which obstruct the execution of the Linggadjati Agreement. The East Indonesian Government impeded for a considerable period in the execution of this task by breaches of the peace emanating from the Republic of Indonesia, recognizes the legitimacy and inevitability of the Netherlands action, which aims at the creation of conditions which will enable the execution of the Linggadjati Agreement, which, in the opinion of the East Indonesian Government, must remain also for the future the guiding principle of Indonesian policy. The East Indonesian Government wishes to draw attention to the fact that in accordance with the Linggadjati Agreement the Republic of Indonesia is one of the States of the future United States of Indonesia and consequently cannot be considered a sovereign State. Consequently the action of the Netherlands Government must be considered as a measure of a domestic character aimed at the reestablishment of peace and order. The East Indonesian Government has serious objections against the steps taken by the Australian Government, inasmuch as these steps may create the impression that the Republic is a sovereign State. It deems this fact to be a serious danger to the creation of the sovereign United States of Indonesia as accepted in the Linggadjati Agreement. The Government of East Indonesia is

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surprised that the Government of India sees fit to intervene whilst the restoration of law and order in one of the constituent States of Indonesia can never be a threat to world peace unless foreign intervention and, in particular, formation of international brigades and acts of boycott cause such action to have repercussions within the international sphere. Taking this into account the East Indonesian Government must raise grave objections to any foreign intervention in a matter which is of an entirely internal nature and which aims at creating guarantees for a prompt implementation of the Linggadjati Agreement. The East Indonesian Government, therefore, is of the opinion that a speedy solution for the termination of this conflict is necessary and that such a solution must be found within Indonesia itself. They urge that the Netherlands Government and the Security Council be informed of their point of view."

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