

CABLEGRAM DATED 22 JUNE 1948 FROM THE COMMITTEE OF GOOD OFFICES ON THE
INDONESIAN QUESTION ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
TRANSMITTING THE REPLY TO HIS CABLEGRAM OF 18 JUNE 1948

IN REPLY YOUR TELEGRAM EIGHTEEN JUNE COMMITTEE GOOD OFFICES HAS
HONOUR REPORT TO SECURITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS

DURING LATTER PART MAY AUSTRALIAN AND UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES
ON COMMITTEE HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED AT FAILURE OF PARTIES TO
MAKE ANY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS REGARDING MAJOR POINTS IN DISPUTE
PARTICULARLY AS APPREHENSIVE STATE OF MIND APPEARED BE DEVELOPING ON PART
OF REPUBLIC. ACCORDINGLY THESE TWO REPRESENTATIVES BEGAN INDEPENDENTLY
TO CONSIDER MEANS OF RECONCILING POSITIONS OF PARTIES AND SEVERAL WORKING
PAPERS WERE PREPARED. LAST AND MOST EXTENSIVE OF THESE DRAFTS WAS MADE
AVAILABLE TO COMMITTEE AS WHOLE ON FOUR JUNE.

ON SAME DATE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR GENERAL NETHERLANDS INDIES,
DR. VAN MOOK, WROTE COMMITTEE ENCLOSING COPY OF INVITATION TO MR. HATTA,
REPUBLICAN PRIME MINISTER, TO TAKE PART IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH HIM
IN BATAVIA. INVITATION EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER FACT THAT "ON NUMBER OF
IMPORTANT POINTS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TWO DELEGATIONS HAD REVEALED SUCH
DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS THAT BRIDGING GAP ALONG LINES FOLLOWED SO FAR SEEMS
DIFFICULT". IT VOICED HOPE THAT DISCUSSION WITH HATTA MIGHT MAKE IT
POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN CLEAR PICTURE OF THESE DIFFERENCES AND POSSIBILITIES
OF SOLVING THEM.

VAN MOOK'S LETTER TO COMMITTEE STATED "I MAY ADD THAT HER MAJESTY'S
GOVERNMENT ATTACH GREATEST IMPORTANCE THESE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN NETHERLANDS
AND REPUBLICAN AUTHORITIES. IT IS EVIDENT THAT ANYTHING THAT MIGHT EFFECT
THESE DISCUSSIONS OR THEIR OUTCOME IN ANY WAY SHOULD BE AVOIDED IN PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES. I THEREFORE TRUST THAT COMMITTEE GOOD OFFICES WILL
APPRECIATE THAT GREATEST RESERVE AND RESTRAINT SHOULD BE SHOWN BY ALL
CONCERNED IN ORDER AVOID ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE PREJUDICIAL TO CAUSE
OF THESE DISCUSSIONS".

TO THIS LETTER CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE SENT FOLLOWING REPLY DATED
NINE JUNE:

"I BEEN REQUESTED BY COMMITTEE GOOD OFFICES STATE ITS BEHALF
THAT COMMITTEE WHILE WELCOMING EVERY EFFORT OF PARTIES TO REACH

/BY THEMSELVES

BY THEMSELVES SETTLEMENT OF ISSUES IN DISPUTE BETWEEN THEM FEELS ITSELF UNDER OBLIGATION TAKE SUCH APPROPRIATE STEPS WITHIN ITS COMPETENCE AS IT CONSIDERS MIGHT ASSIST IN AVOIDING ANY POSSIBLE DETERIORATION IN PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD PACIFIC SETTLEMENT DISPUTE .

TO THIS END COMMITTEE IS NOW CONSIDERING FURTHER WAYS AND MEANS OF ASSISTING PARTIES."

ON TEN JUNE, AUSTRALIAN AND UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES HANDED TO HATTA AND VAN MOOK RESPECTIVELY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY COPIES OF JOINT WORKING PAPER ON AN OUTLINE OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT ON BASIS OF ABOVE MENTIONED DRAFT FOUR JUNE PREPARED BY TWO DELEGATIONS STRESSING IT SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL TIME BEING. PAPER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY COVERING LETTER WHEREIN TWO DELEGATIONS EXPLAINED BACKGROUND WHICH LED THEM ATTEMPT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS AGREEMENT. COVERING LETTER EXPLAINED WORKING PAPER TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT RECONSIDERATION IN LIGHT OF DISCUSSIONS QUESTIONS OR OBJECTIONS WHICH IT MIGHT PROVOKE. TWO REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT ONLY BY COMING FORWARD WITH SUCH SUGGESTION NOW THAT PARTIES APPEARED UNABLE TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS AGREEMENT COULD THEY ACQUIT THEMSELVES OF THEIR OBLIGATION AND JUSTIFY SEVEN AND HALF MONTHS COMMITTEE SPENT INDONESIA ENDEAVOURING ASSIST PARTIES. LETTER EXPRESSED HOPE PAPER MIGHT PROVE USEFUL IN ANY CONVERSATION THAT MIGHT TAKE PLACE BETWEEN VAN MOOK, HATTA AND TWO DELEGATIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS SHOULD NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE BETWEEN THEM. BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE WAS UNABLE AGREE EITHER TO SUBSTANCE OF PAPER OR TO PROCEDURE AND THEREFORE RESERVED HIS POSITION.

ON FOURTEEN JUNE, AUSTRALIAN AND UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES RECEIVED FROM VAN MOOK LETTER STATING THAT IN CONFORMITY WITH INSTRUCTION HIS GOVERNMENT HE REGRETTED INFORM THEM NEITHER HE NOR NETHERLANDS DELEGATION COULD SEE THEIR WAY TO TAKE PAPER INTO CONSIDERATION.

AUSTRALIAN AND UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES REPLIED JOINTLY SEVENTEEN JUNE TO VAN MOOK EXPRESSING REGRET HE HAD NOT SHARED THEIR HOPE THAT PAPER MIGHT PROVE USEFUL. NOTWITHSTANDING CONTRARY VIEWS OF BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE THEY CONSIDERED THAT WORKING PAPER PROVIDED FRAMEWORK OF SETTLEMENT CONSISTENT WITH RENVILLE PRINCIPLES AND FAIR TO BOTH PARTIES AND THAT DISCUSSION ON BASIS OF PAPER COULD PAVE WAY TO PROGRESS TOWARDS AGREEMENT.

IN CONCLUSION, TWO REPRESENTATIVES STATED THEY BEEN PUZZLED BY PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH THEY APPEARED HAVE ENCOUNTERED AND THAT THEY WERE STILL NOT CLEAR AS TO WHAT EXACTLY HAD MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CONSIDER WORKING PAPER ON ITS MERITS.

AS COMMITTEE LEARNED LATER CONTENTS OF WORKING PAPER HAD FALLEN INTO HANDS OF PRESS BY FIFTEEN JUNE. MEANWHILE SIXTEEN JUNE FEW MINUTES BEFORE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET FOLLOWING LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM ACTING CHAIRMAN NETHERLANDS DELEGATION:

"HAVE HONOUR INFORM YOU THAT IN VIEW PUBLICATION OF STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT HANDED BY DUBOIS TO VAN MOOK TEN JUNE, NETHERLANDS DELEGATION HAS REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS FROM NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT.

PENDING RECEIPT THESE INSTRUCTIONS NETHERLANDS DELEGATION THINKS IT ADVISABLE DISCONTINUE FOR TIME BEING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BOTH DELEGATIONS WITH EXCEPTION DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION TRUCE AGREEMENT."

CONNECTION THIS LETTER COMMITTEE WISHES TO STATE THAT COMMITTEE AND SECRETARIAT GIVEN ASSURANCES EVERY PRECAUTION WAS TAKEN AVOID ANY LEAKAGE INFORMATION CONNECTION WORKING PAPER.

WITH VIEW CLARIFYING POSITION COMMITTEE ASKED NETHERLANDS DELEGATION IN LETTER EIGHTEEN JUNE WHETHER IN POSITION CONTINUE WITH CONFERENCE NOT ONLY ON SUBJECTS RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF TRUCE AGREEMENT BUT ON WHOLE SCOPE OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS UNDER COMMITTEE AUSPICES.

TWENTY JUNE, VAN MOOK SUMMONED HERREMANS, CHAIRMAN OF WEEK, AND ASSURED HIM THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS WERE TO BE RESUMED.

TWENTYONE JUNE, COMMITTEE RECEIVED FROM REPUBLICAN DELEGATION LETTER REQUESTING THAT COMMITTEE INVITE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. LETTER SUGGESTED THAT, SINCE IT WAS WELL CONSIDERED VIEW OF REPUBLICAN DELEGATION THAT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY AUSTRALIAN AND UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS "CONSTITUTED ONE OF BEST MEANS WITH WHICH TO ACHIEVE SETTLEMENT", NEGOTIATIONS BE CONTINUED ON BASIS THESE PROPOSALS.

TWENTYTWO JUNE, COMMITTEE RECEIVED LETTER FROM ACTING CHAIRMAN NETHERLANDS DELEGATION STATING NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT HAD AUTHORIZED DELEGATIONS PROCEED WITH DISCUSSIONS WITH REPUBLICAN DELEGATION.

MEETING OF STEERING COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TWENTYTHIRD JUNE.

