

LETTER DATED 9 FEBRUARY 1949 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL CONCERNING THE INDONESIAN QUESTION

Sir,

On the 24th and 28th December 1948 and on the 28th January 1949, the Security Council of the United Nations passed resolutions which, among other provisions called upon the Netherlands Government to release the President of the Republic of Indonesia and the other leaders of the Republic captured by the Dutch in their attack on the Republic.

May I call the attention of the Security Council to the fact that, up to the present time, 12 days after the adoption of the latest Security Council resolution, the Netherlands Government has not yet released these political prisoners, thus making it impossible for the Cabinet of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to convene, and thereby preventing the Cabinet from taking any decisions whatsoever. However, the Netherlands Government, which is in no way hampered from taking decisions and has full freedom of movement, has not yet made any decision about acceptance or rejection of the Security Council's resolution of 28th January last.

May I further call to the attention of the members of the Security Council the following information received by me today from Indonesia: on 1 February at 530 hours, the Dutch dropped nine bombs on the town of Lubusikaping (77 kilometers from Bukittinggi in Sumatra) and strafed the town for twenty minutes; on 2 February, at 1130 hours, the Dutch landed troops in Sungai-Nipah, Sumatra followed by the Dutch occupation of the town of Painan, Sumatra.

This is evidence that the Dutch are continuing their warfare against the Republic of Indonesia.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

/s/ L. N. Palar

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to the United Nations Security Council.