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UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR INDONESIA SUBMITTED IN
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1. The following is the text of a letter from the Chairman of the Republican delegation further clarifying the Republican position in regard to the proposed round table Conference at The Hague:

11 March 1949

Sir,

As misunderstandings appear to have been created by President Sukarno's reply of 4 March to the invitation of the High Representative of the Crown, Doctor Beel, to attend a round table conference, I have the honour to confirm the clarifications which were given to your Commission during our discussions today.

In his letter President Sukarno stated that he found the idea of an early and unconditional transfer of sovereignty as explained by Doctor Koets attractive. The President could therefore personally agree in principle with the purpose of holding a meeting to consider ways and means of arranging for such a transfer a year earlier than the ultimate date of 1 July 1950 mentioned in the Security Council Resolution.

The President, however, stipulated that a Conference should not prejudice the position of the United Nations Commission for Indonesia. This was in accordance with my previous message of 28 February which emphasized that a Round Table Conference could never be considered as an alternative to the Security Council Resolution. It might be practicable to hold a Conference which would be helpful to the work of the United Nations Commission for Indonesia and which would take place within the general framework of the Security Council Resolution. The United Nations Commission for Indonesia would naturally retain the functions and initiative envisaged by the Security Council Resolution and the status of the Republic as one of the parties to the dispute would not be affected.

At this stage, however, the President has explained that he cannot personally take a decision on Doctor Beel's invitation, but

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that the decision must be left to the Republican Government when it is re-established and functioning freely at Djokjakarta as called for by the Security Council.

In the meantime, the measure required by the Security Council Resolution should not be held up. There should be no further delay in releasing political prisoners, in beginning the restoration of the civil administration of the Republic, in re-establishing its Government at Djokjakarta and in bringing hostilities in Indonesia to an end.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(signed) Dr. Mch.Rum"

2. The above text is forwarded for the information of the Security Council.

We have the honour, etc.....

(signed) Critchley, Chairman (Australia)
Herremans (Belgium)
Cochran (United States)

