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LETTER DATED 23 MAY 1962 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE NETHERLANDS ADDRESSED TO THE ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that, since the Prime Minister of the Netherlands wrote to you on 16 May, the following military developments have occurred in Netherlands New Guinea.

On 17 May an Indonesian Dakota was shot down by the Netherlands anti-aircraft defences near Fak Fak. The plane fell into the sea and the crew, consisting of seven persons, were saved. When questioned, they stated that they, together with another Dakota and accompanied by a Mitchell, had dropped thirty parachutists north-east of Kaimana. This information was confirmed by reports from the population.

On the same day another thirty parachutists descended on the south western part of the Vogelkop peninsula.

On 19 May eighty parachutists were dropped on the Onin peninsula and one hundred and twenty of them descended near Teminabuan.

The Netherlands military authorities have taken the required countermeasures to locate and capture the invaders. During the skirmishes some Indonesians were killed and several were taken prisoners. Arms as well as various stocks and articles of equipment have been seized.

Information given by the prisoners and documents seized show that the Indonesians involved in these landings from the air are members of the regular Indonesian military forces.

The Netherlands Government has instructed me to bring to your attention the fact that the full responsibility of the Indonesian Government for the attacks, which is implied in the aforementioned facts, has been confirmed by recent statements on this matter made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Subandrip, and the Minister for War, General Nasution.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) C.W.A. SCHURMANN

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