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LETTER DATED 14 AUGUST 1962 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE NETHERLANDS ADDRESSED TO THE ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL

I deeply regret having to report to you once again on new acts of hostility committed by the Republic of Indonesia with utter disregard for the fact that the negotiations between the delegations of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Republic of Indonesia are proceeding at United Nations Headquarters under your guidance and have already reached a stage where they seem close to completion.

The acts referred to above, and which took place just after I had informed you of other such acts in my letter of 10 August 1962, are the following:

(1) At 9.50 p.m. on 11 August 1962 radar echos showed that six small, fast ships were heading from the north coast of the island of Ceram in north easterly direction straight for the village of Wey on the south coast of the island of Misool, with a speed of twenty-four miles per hour. It was near this village that between 100 and 140 Indonesians had landed in the night from 9 to 10 August.

At a distance of fifteen miles from the coast of Misool the Indonesian ships were intercepted by Netherlands forces. There was firing from both sides and shortly afterwards the Indonesian ships changed their course and returned to North Ceram.

(2) Between 11 p.m. on 13 August 1962 and 2 a.m. on 14 August 1962 radar posts reported that a number of Indonesian planes of the Hercules type were entering the air above West New Guinea from Ceram and the Key islands. At 1.40 a.m. two of these planes reached the neighbourhood of Merauke after having flown in a large arc around the south coast of West New Guinea.

At about the same time other planes penetrated to the neighbourhoods of Sorong, Taminabuan and Kaimana.

In all there were between six and seven planes. It is estimated that, in all probability, several hundred parachutists were dropped.

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My Government has instructed me to protest again against these violations of Netherlands territory and to request you, as before, to circulate this letter as a Security Council document.

(Signed) C.W.A. SCHURMANN

