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LETTER DATED 26 FEBRUARY 1965 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO
THE FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF INDONESIA

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 20 January 1965. The position of your Government recorded therein has given rise to a situation in regard to which no express provision is made in the Charter. It is to be recalled, however, that the San Francisco Conference adopted a declaration relating to the matter.

Upon receiving your letter, I issued it as a document of both the Security Council^{1/} and the General Assembly,^{2/} these being the two bodies concerned with membership questions, and I transmitted it directly to all Governments of Member States, as the Governments of the parties to the Charter. I also held consultations with the Members of the Organization.

Your statement that "Indonesia has decided at this stage and under the present circumstances to withdraw from the United Nations" and your assurance that "Indonesia still upholds the lofty principles of international co-operation as enshrined in the United Nations Charter" have been noted.

As you requested, arrangements have been made for the Indonesian Mission in New York to "maintain its official status" until 1 March 1965.

In conclusion, I wish to express both the profound regret which is widely felt in the United Nations that Indonesia has found it necessary to adopt the course of action outlined in your letter and the earnest hope that in due time it will resume full co-operation with the United Nations.

(Signed) U THANT
Secretary-General

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