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1. During my farewell call on Poinin Luns on March 18 he stated that he believed the future of Dutch-American relations would depend in considerable measure upon attitude of U.S. towards Netherlands New Guinea. He asked me to relay this opinion and his following remarks to my colleagues in Department.

2. Luns said he could readily understand and sympathize with U.S. desire to maintain good relations with Indonesia but that he felt that this desire should not be so strong as to induce U.S. to sacrifice its principles. He went on to say U.S. was well aware of Dutch position regarding self-determination for people of Neth New Guinea and that he felt this fundamental and basic American principle was being sacrificed as result of our attitude of aloofness concerning the Dutch plans for self-determination for New Guinea.

3. Luns pointed out that both U.K. and Australia firmly supported Dutch position in New Guinea and at same time managed maintain good relations with Indonesia. He could not see why "the Netherlands' greatest ally" felt it could not do same.

4. Luns also referred to Dutch concern regarding Indonesian military strength which he characterized as having been augmented by U.S. and other powers, including Soviet Union. He stated that the Netherlands would shortly have do something about its own defenses of New Guinea, since Neth. New Guinea not covered by any existing allied defense treaties.

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