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Datum van waarneming: 15 maart 1962.

Bron: Van bevriende zijde.
Subbron: De betrouwbaarheid kan niet beoordeeld worden.

Opmerkingen :

Verzonden aan: de Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken.

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CHINESE AND SOVIET SUPPORT FOR WEST IRIAN

Although the USSR has stated it will support Indonesia on West Irian, they have restricted their commitment to a general promise of support, have avoided specific commitments and have attached conditions to their support for Indonesia in fighting for West Irian. On the other hand, the Chinese Communists have stated their complete willingness and desire to help Indonesia in every possible way in fighting for West Irian; this offer included supplying weapons, manpower, airplanes, technical support and anything else Indonesia wants.

The Foreign Department has no indication that either President SUKARNO or Foreign Minister SUBANDRIO plans to accept any form of Chinese assistance at this time and they have, in fact, stated their wariness of the Chinese offer. The only high-ranking official who seems receptive to the Chinese offer is Madame SUPENI, acting head of the Asia Directorate, who has taken a very emotional approach to the West Irian problem and Indonesia's shame at not being able to retaliate after the 15 January naval incident.

Comment: Senior officials of the Foreign Ministry are concerned that if no progress is made in attempts at peaceful negotiation of the West Irian issue, President SUKARNO may be tempted to accept some Chinese support for at least a retaliatory action against the Dutch. President SUKARNO has stated his shame at the fact that Indonesia is not in a position to retaliate.

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