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Land: Indonesië/Italië/Nieuw-Guinea.

Onderwerp: Indonesian contact with Vatican regarding the Netherlands New Guinea situation.

Referenties:

Feitelijke datum: eind april - mei 1962.

Datum van waarneming: medio juni 1962.

Bron: van bevriende zijde.

Subbron: een betrouwbare Indonesiër met goede contacten in regeringskringen.

Opmerkingen:

Mede verzonden aan: de Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken.

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INDONESIAN CONTACT WITH VATICAN REGARDING THE NETHERLANDS
NEW GUINEA SITUATION

In late April and early May 1962 the Indonesian Government sent Bishop Tarcisio van VALENBERG, a Dutch born Indonesian who serves on the Vatican Commission for Missions, to Holland to try to persuade Catholic officials and church leaders to influence the Dutch Government to accept the Bunker Plan.

In late May Indonesia sent two prominent Catholics, an unidentified parliamentarian, and (fnu) SUHARI, a Foreign Office official, to the Vatican to seek support for Indonesia and to request that the Vatican use its influence among Dutch Catholic officials and church leaders to induce acceptance of the Bunker Plan and the transfer of authority in West New Guinea. The Indonesians met with the Pope and Vatican officials but later refused to commit themselves, except to say that the Vatican would use its influence for a peaceful solution of the controversy. As the Vatican officials used the discussions to make certain complaints about the Indonesian Government's handling of matters affecting the church in Indonesia, the Indonesian representatives concluded that the Vatican might be more responsible to request if Indonesia were to give some satisfaction regarding these complaints. The Indonesian government is now considering what can be done in this respect.

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