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Subbron: Een functionaris van het Indonesische Ministerie van Handel en Verkeer.

Opmerkingen:

Verzonden aan: de Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken.

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INDONESIAN INTENTIONS TO PURCHASE RICE FROM THAILAND

The Indonesian Government is negotiating with Thailand for the purchase of 35,000 tons of rice which is required for the Indonesian army.

The Indonesians wish the rice to be shipped in two shipments, one cargo to Djakarta and the other to a very small port in East Java, Serantan (phonetic). They are willing to buy any grade of rice available, and are prepared to pay £6 or £7 sterling per ton more than they have paid on previous occasions. They insist on delivery by mid-March.

An Indonesian official of the Ministry of Trade and Commerce who is at present in Bangkok in connection with the negotiations has said that SUKARNO had made up his mind to attack West Irian and that no amount of pressure from any quarter including United States would have the slightest effect on him. He could not be deterred. He added that Indonesia was not without friends and that at a dinner which he attended in the Chinese Embassy in Djakarta in January, the Chinese had urged Indonesia to attack West Irian and had promised support if they did.

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- Remarks:
- 1) Informant is believed to be a confident of the Indonesian Minister of Trade and Commerce. He clearly considers his mission to be an urgent matter.
 - 2) The Indonesian official referred to a general build-up of supplies on small islands between Java and West Irian and said that attacks would be mounted from these islands and that orthodox sea-borne invasion would not be attempted.
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