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MEMORANDUM TO: The Honorable
Herbert Hoover, Jr.
The Under Secretary of State

FROM: The Director of the Foreign Operations Administration

Congressman Adam C. Powell, Jr., asked to see me, and I spoke with him today.

He said that the Government of Indonesia had invited him to visit that country. He said he also understood that observers would be welcome at the African-Asian Conference. He said that he considered this to be a very important conference and that he felt the United States should have in some way an unofficial group on the ground. He thought it ought to include some United States citizens who are white and some who are colored, such as Assistant Secretary of Labor J. Ernest Wilkins, Scovel Richardson, and one of the Negro Congressmen, such as himself or William L. Dawson.

I told him we had realized in the Administration that this conference was a significant one, that there had been considerable study of the situation, that I could make no comment on his direct suggestion, but that I would communicate it within the Administration and he would hear about it.

I assume State should decide on the response to him. I believe he has also talked with Max Rabb and that Max Rabb has talked with George Allen.

Original signed by
HAROLD E. STASSEN

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TO: The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence
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For your information.

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