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May 21, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Buchen  
The White House

FROM: Monroe Leigh *ML*

SUBJECT: Donner Commission Investigation  
in The Netherlands

Some time ago you asked me to keep you generally informed as to the progress of The Netherlands investigation of alleged bribe taking.

Attached is a telegram from the Embassy in The Hague which gives the current status and ventures some predictions as to how things will come out. I thought it might be of interest.

Attachment:

Telegram (The Hague No. 2721)

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SUBJ: LOCKHEED AND THE PRINCE

REF: THE HAGUE 2419 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY THERE IS A GROWING CONVICTION IN THE HAGUE THAT THE LOCKHEED AFFAIR WILL PRODUCE AT LEAST A REPRIMAND FOR THE PRINCE BERNHARD. THERE IS ALSO A MOUNTING FEELING ON THE PART OF KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS THAT THIS WILL LEAD THE QUEEN TO DECIDE TO ABDICATE. THIS TREND IS ACCOMPANIED BY A GENERAL AWARENESS THAT THE POLITICAL LEFT HAS NOTHING TO GAIN FROM SUCH A COURSE OF EVENTS AND A WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT SOCIALIST PRIME MINISTER DEN UUTERLINCK WILL HAVE TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN STEERING THE NATION THROUGH THE UPCOMING POLITICAL SHOALS AND EDDIES OF THE LOCKHEED AFFAIR.

2. SUMMARY.

SINCE THE CREATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THREE (DONNER COMMISSION) THREE MONTHS AGO TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS THAT PRINCE BERNHARD RECEIVED LARGE BRIBES FROM LOCKHEED, THE DUTCH PRESS HAS FOR THE WHOLE BEEN RESTRAINED AND CONFINED ITSELF LARGELY TO REPORTING SUCH FACTUAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMITTEE'S WORK AND TRAVELS AS HAS BECOME AVAILABLE. WE ARE BEGINNING TO WITNESS A RENEWED DISPOSITION BY PUBLIC FIGURES TO DISCUSS PUB-

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ESPECIALLY WHAT LONG HAS BEEN ON MANY MINDS PRIVATELY, NAMELY THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE

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By W.H.M., NARA, Date 5/5/00

ISSUED IN A MONTH OR TWO. THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ON APRIL 30 WAS SOMETHING OF A WATERSHED. THE TRADITIONAL BIRTHDAY PARADE AT SOESTDIJK PALACE WAS THE FOCUS FOR A STRONG SHOW OF POPULAR ALLIANCE AND SUPPORT AS LARGE CROWDS CAME TO CONGRATULATE AND APPLAUD THE QUEEN. THE PRINCE ALSO GOT HIS SHARE OF FAVORABLE PUBLICITY, CHAUFFEURING THE CAR IN WHICH THE QUEEN DROVE THROUGH CROWDS OF ADMIRERS. SUPPORTERS OF ORANGE MADE SURF OF THE LARGE TURNOUT, THOUGH IN AN ASIDE NOT WITHOUT SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE, NATIONAL TV RAN A CLIP SHOWING THREE SIX YEAR OLDS TELLING AN INQUIRING REPORTER THAT THEY HAD NO IDEA WHY THEY WERE THERE. THE SOESTDIJK CELEBRATION WAS WIDELY REPORTED TO A NATION WHICH

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EVEN MORE THAN IS CUSTOMARY, DISPLAYED DUTCH FLAGS WITH ORANGE BANNERS. INDEED A CASUAL VISITOR MIGHT WELL NOT HAVE BEEN AWARE OF A LOCKHEED CLOUD OVER THE ROYAL HOUSE. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION AND SOLIDARITY FOR THE HOUSE OF ORANGE, MANY OBSERVERS HERE NOW APPEAR CONVINCED THAT THE PRINCE CANNOT ESCAPE A REPRIMAND. THIS ALMOST SURELY WILL HAPPEN REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE LOCKHEED AFFAIR AND WILL RESULT FROM THE FACT THAT BERNHARD HAS BEEN INJUDICIOUS IN THE SELECTION OF SOME INDIVIDUALS WHOSE COMPANY HE HAS TENDED TO FAVOR. SHOULD IN ADDITION THE DONNEE COMMISSION REPORT COME TO ADVERSE CONCLUSIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE LOCKHEED BIBLE, MORE THAN A REPRIMAND MAY BE IN STORE FOR THE PRINCE. SPECULATION IS THAT WHEN HE REACHES HIS 65TH BIRTHDAY ON JUNE 29, HE WILL RETIRE FROM HIS POST AS INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE ARMED FORCES. DOUBT HIS PUBLIC ROLE WOULD ALSO BE REDUCED.

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MORE SERIOUS IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT A REPRIMAND OR  
SEVERE CENSURE OF THE PRINCE WILL CAUSE THE QUEEN TO RESIGN.  
THIS IS OF COURSE NOT A FOREGONE CONCLUSION. THE MOTTO OF THE  
HOUSE OF ORANGE IS "JE MAINTIENDRAI," AND MANY OF THE HISTORIC  
EVENTS MARKING THE ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE AND THE NETHERLANDS ARE  
CASE STUDIES OF THE STUBBORN UNWILINGNESS OF SOME OF THE QUEENS  
FOREBARS TO BOW TO OUTSIDE PRESSURES. NEVERTHELESS A  
NUMBER OF POLITICAL OBSERVERS RECKON THAT SHE WILL DECIDE TO STEP  
DOWN BEING UNWILLING TO BRING HERSELF TO SEPARATE HER CONSTITU-  
TIONAL ROLE FROM LOYALTY TO HER HUSBAND. SOME OBSERVERS GO ON TO  
SUGGEST THAT PRINCESS BEATRIX MIGHT BE UNWILLING TO SUCCEED TO A

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THE THRONE MADE VACANT AS A RESULT OF HER FATHERS ERRORS, BUT THIS  
VIEW IS NOT WIDELY HELD. IT IS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE QUEENS  
WILL BE MADE UP IN PRIVATE AND IS NOT LIKELY TO BE INFLU-  
ENCED BY OUTSIDERS; NONETHELESS THE PRINCE AND THE PRIME MINISTER  
ARE BELIEVED TO BE AMONG THE VERY FEW WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO PER-  
SUADE THE QUEEN NOT TO TURN A FAMILY PROBLEM INTO A CRISIS OF THE  
MONARCH.

THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT IN ANYONES MIND HERE THAT THE SOCIAL-  
IST PARTY WILL NOT DRAW ADVANTAGE FROM THE CURRENT PREDICAMENT OF  
THE ROYAL HOUSE. TRADITIONALLY ISSUES INVOLVING THE HOUSE OF  
ORANGE HAVE HURT THE GOVERNMENT IN POWER. PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL  
UNDOUBTEDLY APPRECIATES THAT ANY ATTEMPT AT OR EVEN APPEARANCE  
OF CAPITALIZING ON THE CURRENT SITUATION AT THE EXPENSE OF THE  
MONARCH WOULD BOOMERAGUE. HE THEREFORE FINDS HIMSELF IN THE  
SOMEWHAT PARADOXICAL SITUATION OF HAVING TO TREAD EXTREMELY  
CAREFULLY TO AVOID ANY BIAS EVEN THOUGH AS A SOCIALIST AND BY  
DISPOSITION THE MONARCH DOES NOT FIGURE HIGH IN HIS POLITICAL  
VALUE SYSTEM.

MR. DEN UYL, FURTHERMORE IS PUT ON THE SPOT EVEN MORE BY VIRTUE  
OF THE FACT THAT ALMOST EVERYONE BELIEVES THAT HIS ROLE IN

...BRIDGING A POLITICAL SPLIT BETWEEN THOSE FAVORING THE MONARCHY  
AND THOSE OPPOSING IT WILL BE CRUCIAL. A LEADING POLITICAL  
COMMENTATOR, JERME HELDRING, HAS ARGUED THE VIEW--SHARED BY  
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DELL ROLAND  
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...THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE THE KEY FIGURE IN SECURING  
...ACCEPTANCE ACROSS THE DUTCH POLITICAL SPECTRUM OF THE  
...VISIONS OF THE DONNER COMMISSIONS REPORT AND OF THE POLITICAL  
...SEQUENCES OF THE REPORT FOR BERNHARD, THE QUEEN AND THE  
...ARCH. INDEED THERE ARE NO OTHER FIGURES IN DUTCH PUBLIC  
...WHO COULD ASSUME SUCH A ROLE. DEN UYL'S DIFFICULTY LIES  
...THE FACT THAT UNLIKE MANY OTHER PRIME MINISTERS WHO HAVE IN  
...EXERCISE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS LEFT THE PEOPLE WITH THE SENSE  
...THEY REPRESENTED THEM ALL, DEN UYL'S STEWARDSHIP DURING HIS  
...YEARS HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY A TENDENCY TO PROJECT THE  
...OF HIS OWN PARTY. DEN UYL IS THEREFORE MORE OF A CONTRO-  
...PRIME MIN THAN ANY OF HIS PREDECESSORS AND MANY CONSIDER  
...BEEN PARTISAN THROUGHOUT. FAILURE TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF  
...NATIONAL" PRIME MIN IS THEREFORE LIKELY TO COMPLICATE DEN  
...TASK IN HANDLING THE FALLOUT FROM THE DONNER  
...MISSIONS REPORT. IF DEN UYL HANDLES THIS CHALLENGE SUCCESS-

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...IT WILL ENHANCE HIS POLITICAL IMAGE. HE IS AN ADROIT  
...ICIAN WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY TASKED TOUGH AND COMPLEX ISSUES  
...AND HE MAY WELL BE EQUAL TO THE TASK.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 24, 197

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN  
FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.F.*  
SUBJECT: Chairman Wayne Hays (D-Ohio)

I am referring the following matter to you for proper handling.

Chairman Wayne Hays of the House Administration Committee phoned this afternoon to protest what he termed a violation of his rights by the Federal Bureau of Investigation which has apparently undertaken an investigation of recent stories relating to a female member of Hays' staff.

Hays reported that the FBI sought to interview one of his secretaries at her residence on Sunday night and that when she objected to their demands for an interview, they advised her that they were investigating an alleged Federal crime committed by Chairman Hays.

Hays also reported that the FBI attempted to question employees in the Horizon House today concerning his relationship and circumstances of possible visitations at the apartment of an employee of Chairman Hays.

Hays alleged that the FBI action represented a vendetta by the Justice Department and was related to bad feelings between himself and Deputy Attorney General Thornburg.

Hays' objections to the FBI action apparently were not related to the fact that he is being investigated by the FBI but rather that he had not been notified of this action.

Congressman Hays insisted that the President be advised of these efforts and I advised the Chairman that I would refer the matter to the President's Counsel together with his request.

After this conversation with Chairman Hays I reported it to Counsellor Jack Marsh who advised and concurred that the matter should be referred to the White House Counsel's office.

cc: Jack Marsh

