

Telegram from Walter Hankinson to the Commonwealth Relations Office on the reaction in Ceylon to the Roem–Van Roijen Agreement (20 July 1949)

Caption: Following the Roem–Van Roijen Agreement of 7 May 1949 between the Netherlands and Indonesia, whose provisions include the return of Republican leaders to Yogyakarta to prepare for the transfer of sovereignty, the Government in Ceylon relaxes its policy with regard to the Dutch. In a telegram sent on 20 July 1949 to the Commonwealth Relations Office, Walter Hankinson, Acting UK High Commissioner in Ceylon, announces that the decision has been taken to lift the ban imposed on the entry into Ceylon harbours or airfields of Dutch ships and aircraft.

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FROM: ACTING U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CEYLON

D. 20th July, 1949 11.25 hours
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PRIORITY

No. 564

My telegram No. 662 of 21st December, 1948. Ceylon Government have announced decision to lift, with effect from today, ban imposed in December 1948 on the entry into Ceylon harbours or airfields of Dutch ships and aircraft respectively carrying troops, arms or warlike material of any kind.

2. Announcement states that this has been done in response to a request made by the Netherlands Government and on information received that a satisfactory agreement has been reached between the Netherlands Government and the Republican Government of Indonesia within the terms of the Batavia Agreement of May 7th 1949.

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