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1. Philippines and ABDA part of Northern Australia remain under command of Dutch Headquarters who are successors of Wavell's Headquarters. Wavell was instructed to leave sufficient personnel and materiel (e.g. signal equipment) to enable Dutch to exercise this command (vide D.B.A. 23, paragraph 2).
2. MacArthur has been so informed by War Department. If Australian Government wish Northern Australia to revert to their own command, you will presumably inform us, but Dutch Headquarters must still be allowed to operate ABDA Aircraft from Australian bases if they so desire under provision made in paragraph 2 (b) of Wavell's original directive. Brett is in Australia hastening forward movement of aircraft (vide C.C.O.S. 19).
3. Whole conception is that ABDA Area should, if necessary, fade out gradually and not repeat not be suddenly extinguished. All these arrangements appear to us to give Java best possible chance to hold on and fullest material and moral support to Dutch in their difficult position.

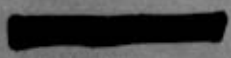
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D.B.A. 28 was sent in response to signal from ABDACOM asking if word "approved" had been omitted from first sentence of D.B.A.23. Assumed he was asking if whole repeat whole of his proposals in C.C.O.S. 19 and 20 were approved.

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