

West Papua Information Briefing

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Introduction

New Guinea, or Papua is the world's largest tropical island.

West Papua was illegally traded to Indonesia via the *New York Agreement* written by Robert Kennedy in 1962 unwittingly for the benefit of Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold Inc.

Freeport is now Indonesia's largest tax payer, Bechtel Inc. design and built the Freeport mines, and neither the members of the USINDO lobby nor the Indonesian military (TNI) wish to admit West Papua is a colony as defined in UN Resolution 1541 and is entitled to relief from repression and to Self-determination in accord with UN Resolution 1514.

Papuan people are not Stone age Europeans, the Papuan ancestors came to the Australian continent over 40,000 years ago and develop in our view social and human skills well in advance of their European and Asian counterparts today. From Timor to Nauru Melanesian people were subjugated by European and Asian avarice for lands and minerals, but in West Papua the colonial legacy of replacing indigenous human values did not happen under Dutch rule; it has been a force since the United Nations when needing money in 1962 sign the *New York Agreement*.

It is illegal to trade a colony, no matter who does it.

West New Guinea had already held national elections in Jan/1961, the Australian Senate, New Zealand and others attended the inauguration of the New Guinea Council on 5/Apr/1961. After the death of UN Sec. Gen. Dag Hammarskjöld in September the Councilors heard on 19/Oct/1961 that the United States was coercing the United Nations to trade the colony of West New Guinea to the Republic of Indonesia. The Council held an emergency session, and in one night the Council created West Papua's Manifesto, the national emblem (with motto "One People, One Soul"), a national flag (The Morning Star), and selected their national anthem. This was the birth of West Papua.

The Morning Star flag was presented to Dutch Governor Platteel on 31st October who said "Never before has the oneness of the Council been put forward so strongly." The Morning Star was raised next to the Dutch Tri-colour on 1st December 1961.

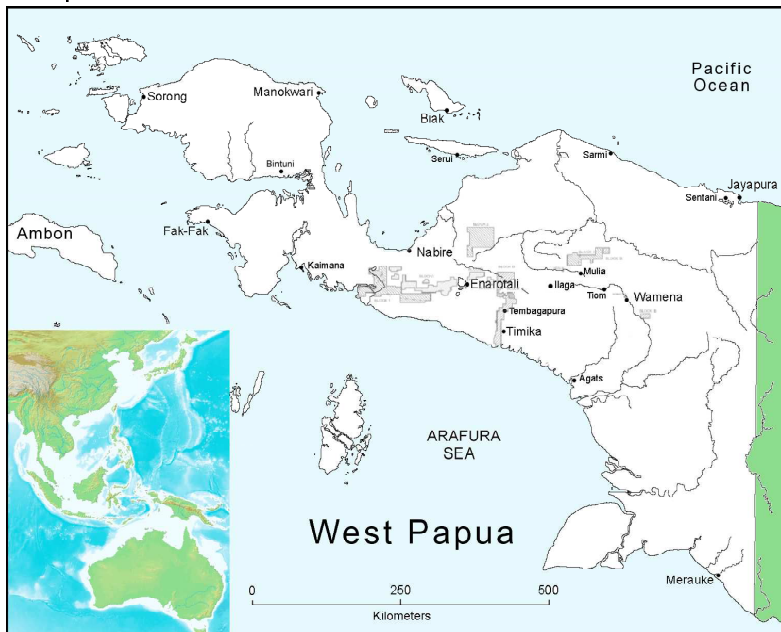
West Papua is a nation without voice, a nation being divided in violation of UN Resolution 1514, West Papua is a beautiful land of beautiful people repressed by foreign military, militia, exploitation, media restriction, HIV/AIDS, and the displacement of the evolving 1962 Papuan civil services; it is a colony.

United Nations Obligation

From West Papua to Iraq, from the Cold War to the War on Terrorism, certain corporations have profiteer from the world's Fear Uncertainty and Doubt; the Military-Industrial Complex which Eisenhower warn his countrymen of in 1961 is still alive and profiting from fear. It is time for sanity, time for the United Nations to become what it was meant to be, a brave voice for human dignity.

The Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly Resolutions 1514 and 1541 require action "*without delay*", the removal of forces of repression, and in accordance with the term which Indonesia itself insisted be included in the New York Agreement "*all adults, male and female, not foreign nationals to participate in the act of self-determination to be carried out in accordance with international practice*" the United Nations itself must supervise a free and proper Self-determination.

In 1962 "foreign nationals" refer to Dutch people rather than Indonesian citizens as it would now refer to, yet it is a wise provision which Indonesia insisted on.



General Suharto had no entitlement to sell these sections of West Papua's mineral rights to Freeport McMoRan in 1967 nor to use US Mitchell bombers to evacuate people from their home lands.

Indonesia as a member of the United Nations has no entitlement to divide the nation or transmigrate a million farmers and others from Asia to this Pacific nation without consent of the Papuan people who must be the ones to decide their own fate today.

The foreign corporations including the World Bank and IMF also had no entitlement to fund or seek benefit of transmigration without the consent of the Papuan people.

The people of the world are waiting for the United Nations to do the right thing.

End colonization

"If we are to secure the friendship of the Arab, the African and the Asian, we cannot hope to accomplish it solely by means of military pacts and assistance. Neither can we purchase it through extensive programs of economic grants and subsidies. We cannot win their hearts by making them dependent upon our handouts. We cannot keep them free by selling them free enterprise. Describing the perils of Communism or the prosperity of the United States will be to no avail. No, the strength of our appeal to these key populations - and it is rightfully our appeal, and not that of the Communists - lies in our traditional and deeply felt philosophy of freedom and independence for all peoples everywhere. Whatever restraints may have been imposed upon this philosophy in our foreign policy pronouncements during the past decade, there can be no doubt that it still represents the basic attitudes of the overwhelming majority of the American people.

Today this issue confronts us in Algeria, Cyprus, West New Guinea and elsewhere. Tomorrow it may be in Portugese Goa or Singapore - and the next day it may be in Togoland or Tanganyika."

- Senator John F Kennedy 2/Feb/1956 at Rockhurst College in Kansas City

The US White House decision to create the *New York Agreement* is documented in records released in 1995 :

US Dept. of State Foreign Relations 1961-63, Vol XXIII, Southeast Asia avail. <http://dosfan.lib.uic.edu/ERC/frus/summaries/>

A highlighted copy is available at http://wpik.org/Src/950306_FRUS_XXIII_1961-63.html

Dutch geologist Jean Dozy who discovered West Papua's gold and copper in 1936 was working for NNGPM which was 60% own by Mobil and Chevron, which shared Rockefeller directors with the politically well connected Freeport Sulphur company. In March 1959 the New York Times published an article revealing the Papuan Mines office was beginning a search for which mountain alluvial gold was flowing into the Arafura Sea from. Freeport McMoRan acknowledges its interest in West Papua began in August 1959, and is listed in the 1961 Dutch report to the United Nations as exploring possible copper reserves in the Carstensz region although it had already confirm the extent of the mineral deposits by July 1960.

Freeport director Robert A. Lovett allegedly at the end of 1960 recommended various senior advisers for the John F Kennedy government, this was first published by Prof. G. William Domhoff author of "Who Rules America?" in 1967.

Both the Lovett and Bundy families were among the most elite of the United States; even the Yale University exclusive secret society *Order of the Skull and Bones* has included the names of August S Lovett (1913), Robert Abercrombie Lovett (1918), Harvey Bundy (1909), William Bundy (1939), McGeorge Bundy (1940). From 1941 to 1945 Robert Lovett had been special assistant for air affairs, and McGeorge Bundy's father Harvey Bundy was special assistant to the Secretary of War. Both Robert Lovett and young McGeorge Bundy were members of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR).

In 1957 Freeport Sulphur had sign a lucrative nickel contract with the US government, but in 1959 was caught employing an ex-FBI agent to manipulate a government official concerning this contract. It is unlikely that President John Kennedy would have trusted the advice of Robert Lovett or his prot'eg'ee McGeorge Bundy if Kennedy had known of Robert Lovett's Freeport connection with West New Guinea in 1961/1962. Likewise it seems unlikely his brother Robert Kennedy would have known of this before General Suharto sold West Papua's mining license to Freeport McMoRan in 1967.