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**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** That is controlled, just as it was in my hon. friend's time, by external aid officers through our embassy in Indonesia. As I said, we have discussed this matter with the Tunku, with our Australian, British and United States friends. The policy of the government has been influenced by those consultations.

**Mr. Nesbitt:** We have had some enlightenment in this regard from the minister. Since the government, as the minister has just said, has not made any final decision as to the shipment of this wheat flour, what then is the purpose of putting this item in the present estimates? Why not remove it and at a later date, if the government decides it wants to send this assistance to Indonesia, a supplementary estimate could be introduced. The minister has suggested there is some considerable doubt in the government—

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I did not say that.

**Mr. Nesbitt:** —some doubt—

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I did not say that.

**Mr. Nesbitt:** The minister says there is no doubt, then.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I said there was no decision on the shipment of that commodity in the year 1964-65.

**Mr. Nesbitt:** I cannot help but wonder why, if that is the case, this item is included in the estimates at this time. Would it not be better to cover it by a supplementary estimate on some future date? This has all the earmarks of a blank cheque—not only with regard to this assistance to Indonesia—since everything under the Colombo plan is lumped into one large sum. Perhaps the minister could tell us whether any of the other Colombo assistance programs have not yet been completely decided on by the government. What are we voting all these sums for, if the government has not yet made up its mind? Are there any other items in this plan with regard to which the government has not reached a decision?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Of course there are. The hon. member knows that a program of these dimensions is bound to be one which depends, among other things, on bilateral arrangements.

**Mr. Churchill:** While the minister is thinking over the very sensible suggestion made by my hon. friend from Oxford, namely that this item should be dropped from the present program and then, after consideration, rein-

stated by means of a supplementary estimate should it seem—

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** That could not be done, because the committee last night decided to the contrary.

**Mr. Churchill:** I am suggesting it might be done next session as a supplementary estimate. The minister, with his long experience in government, will appreciate how that is done.

But I am wondering whether he would enlighten us now on the following point. He told us, as reported at page 10302, that Indonesia was still receiving substantial assistance from the United States, Japan, Australia, France, Germany, New Zealand and the specialized agencies of the United Nations. May we have detailed information with regard to the type of aid which is being given by those countries? I am sure the minister was speaking with authority when he made that statement last night. It was impressive, and it almost persuaded us to permit his estimates to go through.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I cannot give the hon. gentleman all those details now, but I can say that the United States, which is greatly concerned, as are Canada and Britain, about the situation in Asia generally, is giving many millions of dollars in the form of commodities and technical equipment to Indonesia. So are Japan, Australia, France, Germany and New Zealand.

**Mr. Churchill:** May I ask this question. Are Australia and New Zealand at present giving substantial aid to Indonesia while at the same time making appropriations to protect themselves against that country?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I cannot say what is the nature of the assistance supplied by Australia and New Zealand, but they are giving assistance.

**An hon. Member:** Five dollars worth?

**Mr. Churchill:** May I ask for the evidence? We like to accept the minister's statements, but could we have the evidence sometimes? Let him tell us exactly what aid is being given by Australia and New Zealand.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I have made a statement.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** What was that?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I have said that Australia and New Zealand are giving assistance to Indonesia, along with the United States, Japan, West Germany and Canada.