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Memorandum intitulé

TEMOIGNAGES A L'APPUI DU RECOURS GREC
AU CONSEIL DE SECURITE

soumis par le représentant de liaison grec

a la Commission d'Enquete

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LETTER FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALBANIA TO
THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION

3 February 1947

Mr. Principal Secretary:

Speaking as representative of the Government of the People's Republic of Albania, which is directly concerned with the investigation, I hope that the work of the Commission will proceed successfully and that the result will be a useful contribution to the safeguarding and consolidation of collective peace and security.

Moreover, in my wish to contribute to the work of Investigation Commission of the Security Council of the U.N., I have the honour to make the following statement: the Government of the People's Republic of Albania and the Albanian Press have frequently stressed the problem of the Greek danger which is becoming ever more threatening especially to our country. The decision of the Security Council setting up an Investigation Commission concerning this problem was welcomed by the Albanian Government though it had not given its opinion and although it would have preferred the setting up of an investigation commission having as its main task the clarification of the situation inside Greece itself. In the internal situation of Greece could have been found all the causes of all the disputes, both internal and external. The Albanian Government consider that a threat to the peace results from the present situation in Greece which is characterized by civil war daily growing in violence, and by unheard of attacks against the neighbouring peoples and most of all against the Albanian people. The situation is the result of whole sequence of important events which have taken place in Greece since the liberation from German occupation.

The Government of the People's Republic of Albania, desiring the full realization of the Security Council's intentions regarding this problem, consider that it is necessary for the Commission to examine the causes of any and all the problems which it will investigate. As the Greek situation is the best and richest source for the clarification of all questions within the field of interest of the Commission, my Government consider that the facts should be established in Greek territory. Almost since the end of the war, great attacks have been directed against our country and even against the Albanian minority in Greece. The massacres of the Albanian minority, the destruction and burning of their property and the resultant exodus are already known to all. In this connection, the Government of the People's Republic of Albania consider it indispensable that their delegation participate in all the tasks of the Investigation Commission: firstly, because our country is one of the most directly interested and desires to see this problem solved once and for all in accordance with equity and truth; and secondly, because our delegation will be able to contribute materially to the establishment of the facts.

In view of the importance of the public opinion and of its effect the Albanian Government believes that the work of the Investigation Commission would be obstructed if it fail to take public opinion into consideration. Therefore, it would be desirable to promote clarification of world public opinion. The Albanian Government consider that it will be impossible to carry out the heavy task of the Investigation Commission which is the implementation of the decision of the Security Council unless the investigation is public and the effects are linked to the real causes of all the questions examined by the Commission.

I remain, Sir, etc.....