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LETTER DATED 1 DECEMBER 1976 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 1 December 1976,
addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, Representative of the Turkish Federated State
of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the
Security Council.

(Signed) Ilter TURKMEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 1 December 1976 from Mr. Nail Atalay
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 26 November 1976, written by Mr. Zenon Rossides, the representative of the Greek Cypriot community and circulated as Security Council document S/12243. Needless to say, the allegations contained in the said letter and in the annexes thereof are totally unfounded.

The dissemination of propaganda material by the Greek Cypriot representative, Mr. Rossides, and his associates on the eve of every Security Council meeting, no doubt with the object of exploiting the sentiments of the United Nations delegates, has now become a matter of routine, and I do not feel that such propaganda, which has in any case already been proved to be baseless, merits a comprehensive or even a serious answer. I really fail to see how the distribution of malicious propaganda with the object of discrediting Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot community helps the solution of the Cyprus problem, and it is particularly disappointing to witness the Greek Cypriot representative behaving in such an irresponsible manner at a time when efforts are being made to reactivate the intercommunal talks.

The question of the transfer of Greek Cypriots from the north has already been the subject of numerous letters (e.g. S/12082 and S/12196), in answer to previous allegations of the Greek Cypriot representatives in which it was categorically stated that all Greek Cypriots transferred to the south had made voluntary applications to do so, many of them through the United Nations representatives in Cyprus. These applications, which were annexed to my aforementioned letters on the same subject, in themselves prove that the Greek Cypriots in the north are not in any way being compelled to move to the south.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative of the Turkish
Federated State of Cyprus
