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LETTER DATED 14 APRIL 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE
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In reply to the letter addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Turkey on 8 April 1975 (S/11668), I have the honour to bring to your attention the following communiqué issued by the Greek Ministry of National Defence on 9 April 1975:

"In reply to a statement made by the spokesman of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to allegations published by certain Turkish newspapers, the Greek Ministry of National Defence wishes to state that no Greek Island has any means of attacking Turkish territory. Any offensive action is practically impossible and unthinkable. Greece has only the power and the desire to defend effectively any part of its continental or insular territory that may be attacked.

It follows that any rumour alleging the contrary, if it is not dubious, has no relationship with the truth."

I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Georges PAPOULIAS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Greece
to the United Nations