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## REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN CYPRUS

### Addendum

1. Since the publication of my report on the United Nations operation in Cyprus for the period 11 June to 5 December 1966 (S/7611 and Corr.1), the Cyprus Government, as stated in paragraph 3 below, has confirmed to UNFICYP that it has imported a quantity of arms which it intends to issue to the Cyprus Police, whose strength, it was recently announced, would be increased from 2,000 to 2,500 men (see S/7611, paragraph 27).
2. UNFICYP has no detailed knowledge of the type of arms imported by the Cyprus Government, other than that the delivery has included 1,000 rifles and 1,000 sub-machine guns, which will be used to equip the 500 new members of the Cyprus Police, and also to replace the old arms at present being used by the Police.
3. As I pointed out previously to the Security Council (S/5764, paragraph 21, and S/5950, paragraph 37), any influx of arms and other military-type equipment into Cyprus is a cause for concern to UNFICYP with regard to the discharge of its mandate. My Special Representative in Cyprus and the Force Commander were informed by President Makarios on 10 December 1966 that the new arms which had been imported from Czechoslovakia were at present stored in their unopened crates under the control of the Cyprus Government, but would not be issued to the Cyprus Police for another two months, pending the recruitment and training of additional personnel. The President also stated that a further consignment consisting of twenty armoured cars was awaited but emphasized that all the new equipment would be used by the Cyprus Police exclusively in the course of its normal duties.
4. On 12 December, the Turkish Embassy in Cyprus transmitted to UNFICYP a copy of an aide-mémoire which it sent to the Cyprus Government on the same day protesting the recent importation of arms.

5. On 13 December, my Special Representative informed me that at the request of UNFICYP, President Makarios had agreed that the unopened crates mentioned in paragraph 3 be inspected by the Force Commander. My Special Representative indicated that arrangements were being made for the proposed inspection to take place as soon as possible.

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