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LETTER DATED 26 AUGUST 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Greece in his letter of 12 May 1966 (S/7302) addressed to Your Excellency in connexion with an incident in the course of which a Turkish reconnaissance aircraft while flying over Turkish territory in the vicinity of Karaagaç was fired upon by a Greek infantry patrol, alleged that the overflight of the aircraft involved constituted a violation of article 3 of the Convention concerning the frontiers of Thrace signed at Lausanne on 24 July 1923.

The assertion of the Permanent Representative of Greece is devoid of any legal basis for the simple reason that by the Treaty signed on 31 July 1938 in Salonica, between the Prime Minister of Greece, Mr. Jean Metaxas, Chairman of the Permanent Council of "the Balkan Entente" at that time, representing member countries of the Entente and Mr. G. Koseivanof, Prime Minister of Bulgaria, the contracting Parties had agreed to "discontinue to implement part IV of the Treaty of Neuilly which contains military clauses and the provisions of the Convention concerning the frontiers of Thrace signed at Lausanne on 24 July 1923".

In fact, following the Treaty of Salonica demilitarized zones in the frontier areas of Thrace have been remilitarized both by Turkey and Greece.

I shall be grateful if Your Excellency will kindly have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Turkey  
to the United Nations

