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LETTER DATED 31 MAY 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

You will recall that in March 1966 Ambassador Rossides of the Greek-Cypriot Administration had tried falsely to implicate the Government of Turkey in acts of sabotage occurring in Cyprus (S/7182-S/7189). A few days later similar spurious charges were also hurriedly made against UNFICYP, incurring Your Excellency's "unhappiness".

While dismissing the concocted Greek-Cypriot charges in my letter dated 10 March 1966 (S/7198) I had, at the same time, indicated that within the Greek Community of Cyprus there exist several political factions, in strong and sometimes violent rivalry with each other, each trying to impose upon the others its own method of uniting the Island with Greece, and had raised the possibility of one or more of these factions being involved in the acts of sabotage.

Ever since Ambassador Rossides's letters, the local Greek-Cypriot press have been reporting frequent occurrences of bomb explosions in the Greek sectors of various towns of Cyprus. In fact, if anything these incidents have considerably increased. On 17 April 1966, the Cypriot-Greek press reported that big caches of explosives were unearthed in Limassol and that a certain Greek-Cypriot, Sofoklis Potamides, described as an EOKA (Greek-Cypriot underground organization) fighter, was arrested and remanded in custody in connexion with this discovery. Following this incident, a sensational disclosure was made by General Grivas, Commander-in-Chief of all the Greek and Greek-Cypriot armed personnel, to the effect that Dr. Lyssarédes was responsible for the bomb explosions. Dr. Lyssarédes is the personal physician of Archbishop Makarios, a close collaborator of Interior Minister Yiorgadjis, a member of the Central Parliament of Cyprus from the Greek Community, and an apparent revolutionary war lord who owned and commanded a private army at the initial stages of the Greek-Cypriot onslaught on the Turkish Community, either individually by himself or together with Nicos Sampson, Editor of local Greek daily "Makhi" and another revolutionary.

The local Greek press of 10 May 1966 reported a denial issued by Interior Minister Yiorgadjis, of General Grivas's statement about Dr. Lyssarédes's direct involvement in the sabotage incidents. It is apparent, however, that because of his own implication, due to the close personal association with Dr. Lyssarédes, the Minister's denial did not carry any weight. In the meantime, bomb explosions in the Greek Sectors of Cyprus continue as heretofore.

I deemed it appropriate to bring the above to Your Excellency's and the distinguished Permanent Representatives' knowledge in order that the credibility of Ambassador Rossides's allegations may once again be judged by all those interested.

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

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP  
Permanent Representative of  
Turkey to  
the United Nations

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