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Addendum covering developments from 10 to 15 September 1964

1. On 10 September 1964 the Permanent Representative of Turkey submitted to me a memorandum (S/5954) stating that the inhabitants of Kokkina and of neighbouring villages who had sought refuge there were in danger of starving to death. The memorandum indicated that Turkey would undertake to deliver food supplies and other necessities to people in the Kokkina area; that the Turkish Government agreed to UNFICYP control of such deliveries in order to ascertain that they consisted of vital provisions and not of military supplies; and that the Turkish Government hoped that UNFICYP would lend its effective assistance in order that this urgent and humanitarian aid might be carried out without serious complications. If an attempt were to be made to prevent such deliveries, the Turkish Government would be compelled to take appropriate action to defend its rights and carry out its humanitarian duties.
2. On 11 September 1964, I submitted to the Permanent Representative of Turkey a memorandum (S/5961) by which I informed him about the situation in regard to food and other essential supplies in the Kokkina area, as reported to me by UNFICYP on 8 September 1964 (S/5950, para. 206), following a visit to the area of the UNFICYP Senior Medical Officer. I indicated that UNFICYP would continue to extend its goods offices to help achieve an adequate distribution of available supplies, and would continue to assist in the implementation of agreed plans for bringing aid to the population, on a humanitarian basis, and with a view to contributing to a relaxation of tension and to the maintenance of law and order. In order to make possible such UNFICYP assistance in regard to the proposed Turkish food supply ship, however, the necessary arrangements would have to have the consent of the Cyprus Government. Any attempt to bring in supplies on any other basis could have possible dangerous consequences. I expressed confidence that there would be continuing compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions.

3. Also on 11 September, the Foreign Minister of Cyprus stated in the Security Council that his Government was prepared to leave it to the discretion of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his representatives to determine the reasonable quantities of essential supplies to be sent to Turkish inhabited areas, including Kokkina. He invited UNFICYP to send a delegation to visit the Kokkina area, as previously proposed by the Turkish Government.

4. The Force Commander accordingly visited Kokkina personally on 12 September 1964 in the company of representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Turkish Chargé d'Affaires. He was informed that there were now a total of 1,400 persons in Kokkina, rather than the normal population figure of 850. The caloric value of the food intake of the population had dropped from 2,400 calories per person per day (which was the basis of the ration set by the Government for restricted areas) to 1,260 calories per person per day. Many of the 600 refugees who had come to Kokkina from neighbouring localities were living in caves under sub-normal conditions which might present a health hazard in winter. Additional medical supplies were needed urgently. General Thimayya felt that a minimum requirement for Kokkina of three tons of supplies per day, including fuel, was not unreasonable. He considered that while, as previously reported, the general health situation appeared satisfactory and no cases of starvation were seen, conditions would deteriorate rapidly if the present system of supply were continued.

5. On his return to Nicosia, the Commander of the Force, together with the senior ICRC representative, informed President Makarios about the state of affairs in Kokkina. The President reiterated his Government's readiness to allow adequate amounts of supplies to be sent to Kokkina; he was also prepared to accept that supplies be sent by the Turkish Government in this connexion on condition that they come through a normal port under normal import procedures.

6. In the meantime, I authorized the Force Commander to send emergency supplies to Kokkina as soon as possible. Accordingly, on 13 September, 4,000 lbs. of food from UNFICYP's own stores were flown to Kokkina by two UNFICYP helicopters. Blankets and clothing were sent to Kokkina by lorry, under UNFICYP and Cyprus police escort.

7. On 14 September, my representatives met with President Makarios to elaborate details for supplying essential goods to Kokkina. In the course of this meeting

the President stated that he would like a shipment of food and clothing from Turkey to come to the port of Famagusta as soon as possible and he promised that this would be handled in a "privileged way" so that the supplies would reach Kokkina without delay. Pending the arrival of the Turkish shipment, his Government would assume responsibility for four or five days in providing the necessary food to Kokkina.

8. On the same day, the Turkish Chargé d'Affaires, acting on instructions from his Government, informed the UNFICYP Commander that his Government had agreed to send a ship to Famagusta on condition that UNFICYP should supervise the unloading and take upon itself the transport of the goods to Kokkina without delay. The Turkish Government also wished to send an emergency shipment for Kokkina immediately to the port of Xeros, but UNFICYP felt that this need not be considered in view of the fact that the Cyprus Government had assumed responsibility for the food supply of Kokkina for the next few days.

9. On 15 September, President Makarios sent to me a message (see Annex below) by which he informed me that his Government had decided to remove any economic restrictions and to allow delivery of any quantity of foodstuffs supplied to, or purchased by, the Turkish Cypriots. Any supplies from Turkey would be permitted, provided they were sent through the normal channels and on a permit granted by the Cyprus Government. The Government of Cyprus was ready to order the removal of all the armed posts throughout Cyprus, provided that the Turkish leadership would do the same, and was ready to assist financially and to afford protection to the Turkish Cypriots who, according to the Government, had been compelled by their leadership to abandon their homes and were desirous of being resettled.

President Makarios also stated that his Government was disposed to grant a general amnesty and was willing to accept any suggestion of the United Nations in respect of practical security measures designed to contribute to the pacification of the island, provided such measures did not affect the political solution of the problem.

10. I welcome President Makarios' suggestions as an important step toward reducing current tensions and enabling UNFICYP, with the co-operation of the Cyprus Government, to carry out effectively its mandate of endeavouring to prevent a recurrence of fighting and contributing to the maintenance and restoration of law and order and to a return to normal conditions on the island. I have asked my Special Representative and the Force Commander to take up immediately with the Cyprus Government the implementation of these proposals.

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11. I should also wish to express my appreciation to the Government of Turkey for having responded favourably to the appeal which I made to it on 12 September 1964 to withhold its proposed shipment of supplies to Kokkina.

ANNEX

Note Verbale dated 15 September 1964 from the Permanent Representative
of Cyprus transmitting the Text of a Cable from the President of
Cyprus addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a cable, dated 15 September 1964, and addressed to His Excellency U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations, by His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios, President of the Republic of Cyprus.

It is clear, in my opinion, that the Turkish Government instigate the Turkish Cypriots to create incidents undermining the efforts of UNFICYP for the restoration of peace and the return to normality. Moreover, the Turkish Government exploit certain conditions created by the Turkish Cypriots for the purpose of falsely representing the Government of the Republic of Cyprus as oppressing the Turkish minority and also in order to have excuses for arbitrary action. In my earnest desire to have peace and normality restored in the island, and with the hope that Turkey will be deprived of the opportunities of exploitation, I inform Your Excellency that my Government:

- (a) Has decided to remove any economic restrictions and to allow any quantity of foodstuffs supplied to, or purchased by, the Turkish Cypriots. Any supplies from Turkey shall be permitted provided that they shall be sent through the normal channels and on a permit granted by the Cyprus Government.
- (b) Is ready to order the removal of all the armed posts throughout Cyprus provided that the Turkish leadership will do the same.
- (c) Is ready to assist financially the Turkish Cypriots who have been compelled by their leadership to abandon their homes and are desirous of being re-settled, and to afford them any protection.
- (d) Is disposed to grant a general amnesty so that any Turkish rebels, who may be under criminal charges of offenses committed during the rebellion, may be relieved from any fear of arrest and punishment.
- (e) Is willing to accept any suggestion of the United Nations in respect of certain practical security measures contributing to the pacification of the Island provided that such measures do not affect the political solution of the problem.

On this occasion, please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and my gratitude for your valuable efforts for the pacification of Cyprus.

Archbishop Makarios
