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Letter dated 25 September 1951 from the Deputy Permanent  
Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
to the United Nations, addressed to the  
President of the General Assembly

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The Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations has received the following cablegrams from Greek democratic organizations concerning the threat of execution hanging over eight Greek democrats at present imprisoned in Greece:

I. "Y. MALIK, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE USSR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, 680 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, USA. ON 11 SEPTEMBER FASCIST OFFICERS IN THE PAY OF GENERAL PAPAGOS ATTEMPTED WITH GOVERNMENT CONNIVANCE TO REMOVE FROM THE AVEROFF PRISONS FOR EXECUTION EIGHT DEMOCRATIC PATRIOTS CONDEMNED TO DEATH. THIS CRIMINAL ACT SHOWS THAT THE MONARCHO-FASCISTS IN ATHENS ARE ALSO PREPARING THE EXECUTION OF THE OTHER THREE THOUSAND FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM PEACE AND DEMOCRACY UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH AND THE EXTERMINATION OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MILITANT DEMOCRATS IMPRISONED AND DEPORTED TO MONARCHO-FASCIST GAOLS. WE DENOUNCE THIS FURTHER CRIME OF THE ATHENS MONARCHO-FASCISTS TO WORLD DEMOCRATIC OPINION AND STRONGLY APPEAL TO YOU TO USE YOUR AUTHORITY WITH THE ATHENS GOVERNMENT TO STAY THE CRIMINAL HAND OF THE MONARCHO-FASCIST HEADSMEN, SAVE THE LIVES OF THE EIGHT MILITANT DEMOCRATS, PUT AN END TO THE EXECUTIONS AND SATISFY THE DEMAND OF THE WHOLE PEOPLE FOR THE GRANT OF A GENERAL AMNESTY. 15.9.51.

FOR THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS OF GREECE, KOSTAS THEOS, SECRETARY; FOR THE LEGALLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE ALL-GREEK CONFEDERATION OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES, STEPHANOS SAVIDIS, ELECTED PRESIDENT; FOR THE ALL-GREEK DEMOCRATIC UNION OF WOMEN (UPDF), ROULA KOUKOULOU, SECRETARY; FOR THE ALL-GREEK YOUTH ORGANIZATION (EPON), NILOS AKRITIDIS, SECRETARY; FOR THE UNION OF GREEK DEMOCRATIC JURISTS, MILTIADIS PORPHYROGENIS, PRESIDENT; FOR THE ALL-GREEK UNION OF DEMOCRATIC JOURNALISTS, VASSOS GHEORGHIOU".

II. "Y. MALIK, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE USSR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, 680 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, USA. TWO DAYS AFTER THE SEPTEMBER ELECTIONS AT WHICH THE WHOLE GREEK PEOPLE, OVERWHELMING THE TSALDARIS AND PAPANDREOU PARTIES WHICH WERE OPPOSED TO AN AMNESTY, VOTED IN FAVOUR OF PACIFICATION BY WIPING OUT THE PAST, FASCIST OFFICERS BELONGING TO GENERAL PAPAGOS' UNITS WITH GOVERNMENT CONNIVANCE WENT TO AVEROFF PRISONS IN ATHENS TO REMOVE AND EXECUTE EIGHT MILITANT DEMOCRATS OF THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE. THIS ODIUS CRIME HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY PREVENTED THANKS TO THE VIGOROUS PROTESTS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE MASS DEFENCE OF THE PRISONERS AGAINST FASCIST ACT OF PROVOCATION. WE DENOUNCE THE CRIMINAL ACT OF THE ATHENS FASCISTS IN THE FACE OF THE GREEK PEOPLE'S RECENTLY EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR PACIFICATION AND AMNESTY, REVEALING THE INTENTION OF FASCIST CIRCLES IN ATHENS TO CONTINUE THE FASCIST REGIME OF TERRORISM AND BLOODSHED AFTER THE ELECTIONS AND PREVENT THE PACIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY. IN THE NAME OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES, WE CALL UPON YOU TO PROTEST AND TO DEMAND THAT THE GREEK PEOPLE'S EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR PACIFICATION, AMNESTY AND DEMOCRACY SHOULD BE RESPECTED, THAT THE EXECUTION OF THE EIGHT PATRIOTS SHOULD BE PREVENTED DEFINITELY THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO MORE EXECUTIONS OF PATRIOTS CONDEMNED FOR HAVING FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE, FATHERLAND, PEACE AND DEMOCRACY, AND THAT THE GENERAL AMNESTY SHOULD BE GRANTED. 14.9.51. FOR THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF GREEK REFUGEES, MITHOS PAPRADIMITRIS, CHAIRMAN".

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(signed) S. TSARAPKIN