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Letter dated 15 January 1951 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to
the United Nations, addressed to the President of the General Assembly

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With reference to the letter dated 21 December 1950 from the Permanent Representative of the USSR, circulated upon the latter's request as a General Assembly document (A/1766, dated 3 January 1951), I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention the following:

By what is certainly not an involuntary omission, neither Mr. Kostas Theos, self-styled "Secretary of the Legal Department, Greek General Federation of Labour", nor his sponsor the Permanent Representative of the USSR, give any hint concerning the place at which Mr. Theos' communication originated. The wording of this communication, which apparently stirred Mr. Malik, may induce the casual reader to believe that it was sent from some "Greek prison or concentration camp" and not from a Kominform capital where Mr. Theos, guilty of high treason, as well as crimes under the ordinary law, is actually residing, harboured by his Communist masters and richly provided for.

At the meeting of 11 November 1950 of the Political and Security Committee the Greek Representative threw into relief the motives and aims which actuated this undermining action of the Soviet and its subordinate delegations. On this occasion the Greek representative gave a full account of the reasons for which the Greek Government, apart from the consideration that such questions undoubtedly fall within the scope of the domestic jurisdiction of each State, denied more particularly to the delegations of the countries behind the Iron Curtain any right or moral authority to pose as defenders of human rights and political freedoms, by imputing to others the crimes of their own governments. Mr. Politis then denounced the provocative nature of this interest evinced exclusively in favour of docile tools, which under the aegis of the Soviet bloc

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are being used to promote its political intrigues, as has been amply proved by the reports of the United Nations Special Committee on the Balkans.

The above-mentioned letter from the Soviet Permanent Representative, despite its transparent humanitarianism, is a new instance of these tactics. It constitutes, moreover, a perfidious distortion of the truth since it tends to present P. Kokkinis as convicted for his trade union activities, while in fact he has been found guilty of active participation in the subversive movement, inspired and directed by the Kominform, the purpose of which is the suppression of the political independence and the territorial integrity of Greece.

I would be very grateful if Your Excellency would be so good as to cause this letter to be circulated as a General Assembly document.

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to the United Nations
