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Letter dated 30 April 1980 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith a letter dated 30 April 1980 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, the representative of the Turkish Federated State of Kibris.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 23 of the preliminary list and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Altemur KILIÇ
Deputy Permanent Representative
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 30 April 1980 from Mr. Nail Atalay
to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter of Mr. Andreas V. Mavrommatis, the representative of the Greek Cypriot administration, which was circulated on 24 April 1980 as a document of the United Nations (A/35/180-S/13904).

The allegations of Mr. Mavrommatis concerning the violations of airspace of Cyprus on 17 April 1980 hardly deserve any reply, since those areas are under full control and sovereignty of the Turkish Federated State of Kibris.

The following is the text of the statement made on 18 April 1980 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Tourism of the Turkish Federated State of Kibris in this connexion:

"The military exercises which took place on 17 April 1980 in the territory of the Turkish Federated State of Kibris are routine exercises and are carried out in accordance with a scheduled programme, about which prior notification is always provided to the authorities of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus. These two jet aircraft flew over the Turkish Federated State of Kibris area, without violating the Greek Cypriot airspace at all. Therefore, complaints that the airspace of south Cyprus has been violated are totally unfounded and irrelevant.

"The attempt of the Greek Cypriot administration of south Cyprus to present itself as only sovereign authority in the island of Cyprus is futile. North Cyprus is under the full control and the sovereignty of the Turkish Federated State of Kibris. The writ of the Greek Cypriot administration does not run over north Cyprus. The Greek Cypriots must come to terms with the existing reality prevailing in the island of Cyprus and stop deceiving themselves.

"We hope that the authorities of the United Nations will remind the Greek Cypriot leadership of these realities."

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 23 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative of the
Turkish Federated State of Kibris
