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Letter dated 20 August 1980 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to a recent letter addressed to your Excellency by the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mr. R. Denktash, the text of which was published in yesterday's edition of the Turkish Cypriot "Special News Bulletin" and in which he saw fit to repeat allegations that the Cyprus Government had "plans" for the extermination of the Turkish Cypriots.

May I point out that these allegations are completely unfounded. It will no doubt be acknowledged that such statements as the above by Mr. Denktash do not contribute to the creation of the much needed proper climate for the successful carrying out of the intercommunal dialogue in a sustained and result-oriented fashion. We, therefore, warmly urge and earnestly hope that you will find it possible to use your good offices so that this acrimony might be avoided in the future.

My Government, which, as your Excellency is aware, is firmly committed to the procedure of the intercommunal talks, in its desire to do its utmost for the creation of a propitious climate for the forthcoming talks, will refrain from any reply to the above allegations.

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

(Signed) Michael EL. SHERIFIS
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of Cyprus to the United Nations

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