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SECRETARY-GENERAL EXTENDS APPOINTMENT OF UNFICYP COMMANDER;
ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CYPRUS

(This release is being issued simultaneously at UNFICYP headquarters in Nicosia, Cyprus, at the United Nations Office in Geneva and in New York.)

The Secretary-General takes pleasure in announcing the extension of the appointment of Lieutenant General Ilmari Armas Eino Martola as Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus since 17 May 1966.

The Secretary-General also announces with regret the resignation, effective 5 January 1967, for pressing personal reasons, of Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes as his Special Representative in Cyprus. Mr. Bernardes has served with great distinction as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus since his appointment on 26 September 1964, and the Secretary-General takes this opportunity to pay tribute to the outstanding skill and devotion with which Mr. Bernardes has carried out his task.

Mr. P.P. Spinelli, Under-Secretary, Director General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, has agreed to act temporarily as the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus after the departure of Mr. Bernardes.

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