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Letter dated 10 November 1978 from the Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 10 November 1978 addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Rauf R. Denktas, the President of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 28, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 10 November 1978 from Mr. Rauf R. Denktas
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the recent debate on the question of Cyprus and to inform you that it was with great astonishment that I heard Mr. Rolandis categorically deny, yesterday, a/ that Archbishop Makarios had made the statement (on 6 September 1962 at Panaghia village), which His Excellency Mr. Orhan Eralp, the representative of Turkey, had mentioned in his address to the General Assembly, viz:

"Unless this small [Turkish] community forming part of the Turkish race which has been the terrible enemy of the Hellenism is expelled, the duty of the heroes of EOKA can never be considered as terminated." b/

At the same time, this statement had caused great anger and anxiety amongst the Turkish Cypriots. Accordingly, I wrote to Archbishop Makarios the following letter on 15 September 1962:

"I regret, once again, to be obliged to put on record my community's deep regrets on your speech at Panaghia village some days ago. It was my ardent hope that this statement would be denied by your side the moment it was brought to your notice. No such denial has come forth. We have decided to ask the Vice-President Dr. F. Küçük to raise this point with you at your next meeting. This may give you the opportunity needed for such denial.

"You will recollect, Your Excellency, my appeal to you earlier to deny or correct another statement relating to 'Cyprus having acquired for the first time in eight centuries a Greek Government' and I had pointed out that such a correction would help all of us to begin the bicomunal administrative and political life in the right direction. The present appeal to you is made in the same spirit of goodwill and I hope that you will not hesitate to take appropriate action in the matter."

As usual, there was no reply from the Archbishop. Not answering letters sent to him by Turkish Cypriot leaders was his way of dealing with the Turkish Cypriot complaints. In fact, within three months the secret armies which the Greek Cypriots had prepared were to launch the preplanned attacks on the Turkish Cypriot community.

The treatment of the Turkish Cypriot community as an enemy or undesirable alien in Cyprus was not the monopoly of the Archbishop. Mr. Spyros Kyprianou,

a/ See A/33/PV.49, p. 57.

b/ See A/33/PV.48, p. 53.

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on 18 August 1965 at the Pan-Cyprian Greek Student Congress and later in a speech at the Ledra Palace on 31 May 1966, made it a special point to underline to his audience that the Turkish Cypriot community was "the remnant of the occupying Power" and, as such, had no right to prevent the Greek Cypriots from proceeding to enosis.

Unfortunately, the statements made by Mr. Rolandis before the General Assembly have but emphasized this mental attitude of the Greek Cypriots against the Turkish Cypriots.

This letter should also be a sufficient reply to the letter of Mr. Rossides dated 3 November 1978 (A/33/359-S/12915), which treats the problem of Cyprus as a Greek Cypriot problem.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 28, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rauf R. DENKTAŞ
President
Turkish Federated State of Cyprus
