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LETTER DATED 19 DECEMBER 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 19 December 1978  
addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, the representative of the Turkish Federated  
State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the  
Security Council.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 19 December 1978 from Mr. Nail Atalay addressed  
to the Secretary-General

I have been instructed by the President of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus, H.E. Mr. Rauf R. Denktas, to refer to the letter of Mr. Zenon Rossides, the representative of the Greek Cypriot administration, which was circulated as a document of the Security Council (S/12937 of 24 November 1978).

The allegations of Mr. Rossides concerning the violation of the air space of Cyprus on 22 November 1978 hardly deserves any reply, since those areas are under the full control and sovereignty of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

In view of the above facts, the Turkish Peace Force, which is in Cyprus under international treaties to prevent the massacre of the Turkish Cypriot community and to defend the island's independence by preventing enosis, held a military exercise in the area of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus on 22 November 1978 with the prior knowledge of the Turkish Cypriot and UNFICYP authorities.

I categorically state, therefore, that this is not a matter of concern for the Greek Cypriot administration, which has no authority and no right of sovereignty over the territory of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY  
Representative

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