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Letter dated 25 April 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 25 April 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 General Assembly, under item 28 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ilter TÜRKMEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 25 April 1978 from Mr. Nail Atalay to the Secretary-General

I have been instructed by the President of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus to refer to the letters of Mr. Zenon Rossides, the representative of the Greek Cypriot Administration, which were circulated as documents of the General Assembly and the Security Council of 18 April 1978 (A/33/84-S/12653) and of 19 April 1978 (A/33/85-S/12655) and to inform you that the allegations contained therein are totally unfounded.

1. The following is the text of the statement made by the spokesman of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus in connexion with the complaint that the Greek Cypriot air space had been violated by the Turkish Air Force:

"Turkish Peace Force which is in Cyprus under the international treaties to prevent the massacre of the Turkish Cypriot community and to defend the island's independence by preventing Enosis (union of Cyprus with Greece) is safely guarding peace and security in the island. This force held a military exercise in the area of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus on 18 April 1978 with the prior knowledge of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus and UNFICYP authorities. During this exercise, no Turkish aircraft violated the airspace under the control of the Greek Cypriot Administration. Therefore, the protest of the Greek Cypriot Administration in this respect is based on malicious lies."

2. As regards the allegation that Professor Mümtaz Soysal, the Constitutional Adviser to the President of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus, had threatened the Greek Cypriot side, it is completely untrue.

Professor Soysal, in a reply to a question put forward by the press in Vienna, stated that the Turkish Cypriot proposals established a negotiating position and that it would be impossible to go further at this stage, before starting the actual discussions at the negotiating table.

He also added that, if the other side rejected this gesture of good intention on the part of the Turkish Cypriot community without proper evaluation, a good opportunity would be lost and it would constitute a rather unfortunate development. He emphasized further that no threat was ever intended.

3. Since 1974 the Greek Cypriot side has got away with the propaganda that Turkish Cypriot proposals have not been concrete and substantial. With this excuse in hand the Greek Cypriot leadership preferred international propaganda to serious negotiations. According to it, first the proposals should be concrete and substantial and only then could the negotiating process start. Now that the Turkish Cypriot proposals have been termed by the Secretary-General to be concrete,

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substantial and voluminous, the Greek Cypriot leadership chooses to denigrate these proposals on the ground that they do not provide the basis for negotiations. This attitude, if maintained, can only indicate that the Greek Cypriot leadership is in any case unwilling to engage in serious negotiations and constantly looking for excuses for evasion.

I would like further to state and confirm on behalf of the Turkish Cypriot community that my side is ready to resume the intercommunal talks under Your Excellency's auspices.

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

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative
