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LETTER DATED 3 FEBRUARY 1976 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 3 February 1976
addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, Acting Representative of the Turkish Federated
State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the
Security Council.

(Signed) İltis TÜRKMEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 3 February 1976 from Mr. Nail Atalay addressed
to the Secretary-General

I would like to refer to the letter of Mr. Rossides, the representative of the Greek Cypriot administration, which was circulated as a document of the Security Council (S/11952) on 29 January 1976 and to inform you that the allegations contained therein are totally unfounded and have been deliberately fabricated to raise suspicion and concern in international circles about the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus vis-à-vis the Greek Cypriots living in north Cyprus.

Furthermore, concerning these allegations, the spokesman of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus has said that Greek Cypriots wishing to move south were helped to do so, in accordance with the Vienna agreements.

Commenting on Greek Cypriot allegations relating to the Greeks in the north, the spokesman said that they were leading a normal life. He stressed:

"We are not doing to these people what the Greeks had done to the Turks prior to their transfer. If they are complaining because we are not using force to prevent or to deter those who wish to move south from doing so, we can only remind that such an attitude has never been our policy. We regard it inhuman to compel Greek Cypriots who wish to go south to remain in the north. We deem it a duty to give them every necessary assistance."

Replying to Greek Cypriot allegations that the authorities of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus are violating the Vienna agreements by not allowing Greek doctors, teachers and clergymen to come north, the spokesman said:

"It has been clearly established that there is no need for more Greek Cypriot teachers, doctors and clergymen in the north. The Greek Cypriots in the north have more than enough teachers already. This has been also proved by repeated complaints from Greek Cypriots to their leadership that the number of teachers in the south has daily been decreasing. About the doctors, our hospitals are treating every Greek patient without any discrimination."

"We have now full proof that teachers who have been selected to come north are EOKA militants; and the Vienna agreements specifically provide that we should refuse access to such people."

I would like to bring the above to the attention of all the honourable representatives to the United Nations.

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

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Acting Representative of the
Turkish Federated State of Cyprus