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LETTER DATED 18 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 18 February 1976,  
addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, Acting 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) İltis TÜRKMEN  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 18 February 1976 from Mr. Nail Atalay  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to make the following general observation in connexion with the recent letter-publishing campaign by the representative of the Greek Cypriot community to the United Nations.

It is a well-known practice of the Greek Cypriot representative to bombard the United Nations with his unnecessary and misleading correspondence full of the most blatant lies about the conduct of the authorities of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus. That he does this right before the convening of each and every intercommunal talk is both tiresome and most unfortunate.

It is hard to comprehend the fact that while the Greek Cypriot administration, which he is supposed to represent, accepts to participate in the intercommunal talks - we hope, in good faith - the representative of the Greek Cypriot community chooses to resort to such a tactic. This behaviour is either symptomatic of the Greek Cypriot representative's aversion to a peaceful solution or his administration's insincerity in this matter.

I sincerely hope, once again, that the Greek Cypriot administration and its representative to the United Nations recognize the necessity, at long last, of not trying to disrupt intercommunal negotiations each time a positive and hopeful development seems to take place. The Greek Cypriot representative would have been better advised and much more convincing if he could have, at least for once, shown patience and waited until the end of the intercommunal talks currently under way.

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

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

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