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LETTER DATED 31 JANUARY 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Further to my letter dated 28 January 1975 (S/11608), concerning measures taken recently by the Turkish military authorities in the occupied northern part of Cyprus, I have the honour to communicate to you new information received from Cyprus.

(a) To start with, pressure is generally being exerted upon the Greek-Cypriots in order to force them to request their transfer to the south.

(b) On 29 January, 27 Greek-Cypriots, among those who, for long months were confined in the Hotel "Dome" in Kyrenia, were transported, without any previous notice, to Nicosia.

(c) On the same day, all Greek-Cypriots, inhabitants of Agios Epikitos Village (to the east of Kyrenia), were given 24 hours notice to abandon their houses and their village, in order to make place for the Turkish-Cypriots arriving from the British bases in Cyprus, to settle in the village.

In this connexion, it is worth noticing that the inhabitants of Agios Apikitos Village had made hard efforts after the Turkish invasion last summer to cope with their economic difficulties and organized for this purpose, with success, an agricultural co-operative. They were hoping that their strong will to remain in their ancestral homes - even under foreign occupation - would be respected.

(d) The evacuation of the Greek-Cypriot population from their villages, reported in my letter of 28 January (S/11608), was not an isolated measure but part of a general pattern, as is shown by the following similar case: The Greek-Cypriot inhabitants of the Pentaya Village were compulsorily driven away from their homes. They are reported to have been concentrated in the building of the Secondary School at Morphou, where they live under concentration camp conditions.

The general impression created by the information contained both in my last and present letters is that the situation of the few remaining

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Greek-Cypriots in the occupied northern Cyprus is further deteriorating, due to the recently adopted Turkish military measures.

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I would be grateful, Your Excellency, if you could have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

> (<u>Signed</u>) Denis CARAYANNIS Ambassador Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations