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Letter dated 11 February 1982 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 11 February 1982 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, representative of the Turkish Federated State of Kibris.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. Coskun KIRCA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 11 February 1982 from Mr. Nail Atalay
to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter of Mr. Andreas V. Mavrommatis, representative of the Greek Cypriot administration, which was circulated on 9 February 1982 as a United Nations document (A/36/858-S/14864).

The following is the text of the statement issued by the Ministry of Interior, Foreign Affairs and Defence of the Turkish Federated State of Kibris about the incident referred to in the above-mentioned letter:

"On Wednesday, 3 February 1982, at about 1610 hours, an unidentified grey plane was seen flying very low over our military positions in Akincilar village. After it was confirmed that the plane, which made no contact with Ercan flying control, was violating Turkish Cypriot airspace, a few warning shots were fired by a rifle without aiming at the plane. The calmness of the Turkish Cypriot soldiers, and their reaction to this incident with only warning shots, undoubtedly prevented more serious results.

"Aviation officials of the Greek Cypriot administration had deliberately given wrong instructions to the captain of the Indian plane, thus causing it to fly very low over our military positions and violating our airspace.

"We immediately protested about this violation to the Greek Cypriot side through the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus."

I should be grateful if Your Excellency were to circulate this letter as a document of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY
Representative of the Turkish
Federated State of Kibris
