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Letter dated 10 May 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 10 May 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) Omer ERSUN
Minister, Deputy Permanent
Representative
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Letter dated 10 May 1982 from Mr. Nail Atalay to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith the text of the letter dated 7 May 1982 addressed to Your Excellency by His Excellency Mr. Rauf R. Denktas, President 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) Nail ATALAY
Representative of the Turkish
Federated State of Kibris

APPENDIX

Letter dated 7 May 1982 from Mr. Rauf R. Denktas to the Secretary-General

I would like to draw Your Excellency's attention to the continuation of the inhuman economic blockade imposed on the Turkish community of Cyprus by the Greek Cypriot administration which, under the self-assumed title of "Government of Cyprus" and despite the ongoing intercommunal dialogue, is still pursuing a relentless war of economic attrition and political isolation against us, in gross violation of the Charter of the United Nations and, in particular, of point 6 of the 1979 summit agreement between Mr. Kyprianou and me.

The latest example is the sentencing of Captain Beved Van Der Laan, the master of the Dutch cargo ship S/S Martate, to three months' imprisonment by the district court of Larnaca in South Cyprus, for having allegedly violated the "embargo" by sailing into the port of Magosa (Famagusta), which was arbitrarily declared as illegal by the Greek Cypriot administration. The next day, on 28 April 1982, a 64-year old West German pensioner Mr. Wilhelm Richards, was given a suspended gaol sentence by the same district court on the illegal pretext of "sailing his boat to the closed port of Kyrenia in December and April last (1981), during a cruise with his wife".

I have already lodged a verbal protest against this illegal and injudicious decision of the district court of Larnaca, through Your Excellency's special representative in Cyprus, Ambassador Hugo Gobbi, but, in view of the seriousness of the matter, I have also deemed it necessary to bring it to Your Excellency's attention in writing.

The matter is all the more serious when viewed in the light of the "excuse" advanced by the Greek Cypriot negotiator Mr. Mavrommatis, to the effect that the Greek Cypriot administration has to prosecute these people in proof of its legitimacy vis-à-vis the international world. This "excuse", to my mind, aggravates the offence committed by the Greek Cypriot administration against shipmasters all over the world. The Greek Cypriot administration's pretence to be the legitimate Government of Cyprus, and its illegal prosecution of innocent shipmasters for calling at allegedly illegal ports, is the main obstacle in the way of re-establishing the intercommunal accord. This "excuse" proves, beyond any doubt, that the Greek Cypriot side is determined to continue, under various pretexts, its aggressive policy against the Turkish people of Cyprus.

I wish to bring to Your Excellency's attention the above developments which - in conjunction with the "crusade" launched against us by Mr. Andreas Papandreou of Greece, and his determination, conjointly with Mr. Kyprianou, to put an end to the talks - is indicative of the serious problems facing us at the talks. I hope that Your Excellency will spare no effort to pull back Mr. Kyprianou from this destructive course.

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President of the Turkish
Federated State of Kibris
