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Letter dated 4 September 1979 from the Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith a letter dated 4 September 1979 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, the representative of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 21 of the provisional agenda, and of the the Security Council.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 4 September 1979 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 Mavrommatis, the representative of the Greek Cypriot Administration, which was circulated as a document of the General Assembly and the Security Council of 20 August 1979 (A/34/428-S/13505), and to inform you that the allegation contained therein is totally unfounded.

The following is the text of the statement made by the spokesman of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus in connexion with the said complaint:

"There has been no violation of the airspace of our State. The Greek Cypriot Administration has no right of say over the airspace, land or territorial waters under the control of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus. Any attempt to claim right of say on this issue constitutes an unfriendly move towards the Turkish Cypriot side which is the co-founder partner of the independence of the island, and furthermore such a move is a continuation of the aggression launched during the 1963-1974 period. Complaints that the airspace of Cyprus has been violated are totally unfounded and irrelevant."

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 21 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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