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Letter dated 6 October 1975 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 6 October 1975 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, Acting Representative of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

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

(Signed) İlter TÜRKMEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 6 October 1975 from Mr. Nail Atalay to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 1 October 1975 addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Rauf R. Denktaş, President of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

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

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

APPENDIX

Letter dated 1 October 1975 from Mr. Rauf R. Denktas to the
Secretary-General

It has come to my knowledge that Archbishop Makarios is scheduled to address the current session of the General Assembly later this week on behalf of Cyprus.

I would, therefore, like to place on record once again that Archbishop Makarios cannot legally or morally represent the Republic of Cyprus as a whole. This fact is also confirmed by resolution 3212 (XXIX), adopted by the General Assembly on 1 November 1974, which recognizes the existence of two distinct national communities in Cyprus and recommends that the solution to the Cyprus problem should be sought through direct negotiations to be carried out between these two communities on an equal footing, under the auspices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Greek Cypriot Administration, however, instead of approaching the problem within the spirit of this resolution, has deliberately hindered our right of equal representation at international forums, undermined the intercommunal talks and embarked upon a false propaganda campaign to deceive world public opinion with a view to bringing pressure to bear upon Turkey and the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

In the circumstances, I would like to reiterate that neither Archbishop Makarios nor Mr. Rossides, nor any other Greek Cypriot representative has the right, the authority or the competence to represent the Turkish Cypriot community before the General Assembly of the United Nations, or any other international organization. The most that they can do is to represent the Greek Cypriot community only; they cannot under any circumstance represent Cyprus as a whole.

In the light of the above, I vehemently stress that anything said or done by Archbishop Makarios or any other Greek Cypriot representative is void and cannot be binding on the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

(Rauf R. Denktas)
President
of the
Turkish Federated State
of Cyprus