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LETTER DATED 3 APRIL 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to my two letters dated respectively 24 and 27 March (S/11660 and S/11661) regarding the systematic violation of Greek air space by Turkish aircraft, I have the honour to advise Your Excellency that an incident of the utmost gravity took place today, again over Greek islands in the eastern part of the Aegean Sea.

A flight of 5 Turkish military aircraft, part of a squadron of at least 20 fighters, flew away from the main body of that formation and entered the Greek air space over the islands of Lesbos and Samos. Details of the violations are attached to this letter.

The main body of the formation did not violate Greek air space, presumably being held in reserve to intervene in case Greek aircraft attempted to intercept the transgressing Turkish airplanes.

In my Government's view, this incident constitutes a serious and deliberate provocation in view of the fact that the number of the Turkish fighters involved is considered unusually large.

The Greek Government has already warned the Government of Turkey that repetition of such incidents might lead to a dangerous situation. It is again stressed that the situation created by Turkey's unwarranted policy of provocations is fraught with serious perils.

I should be grateful to Your Excellency if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) George D. PAPOULIAS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Greece
to the United Nations

Annex

Details of violations committed by Turkish aircraft
on Thursday, 3 April 1975

1. Island of Lesbos

0813 at 3850N, 2610E (Aircraft speed 600 knots)
0815 at 3900N, 2610E (" " 210 knots)
0817 at 3905N, 2623E (" " 260 knots)
0819 at 3909N, 2632E (" " 260 knots)

2. Island of Lesbos

0841 at 3907N, 2615E
0843 at 3902N, 2616E
0845 at 3914N, 2604E
0847 at 3916N, 2611E

All the aircraft were flying at an altitude of 13,000 feet and at a speed of 210 knots.

3. Island of Samos

0825 at 3758N, 2654E
0827 at 3747N, 2649E
0828 at 3742N, 2646E

Aircraft speed was 320 knots.

4. Island of Samos

0849 at 3751N, 2645E
0851 at 3747N, 2646E
0852 at 3742N, 2632E

The aircraft were flying at an altitude of 6,000 feet and at a speed of 220 knots.

5. Island of Samos

0815 at 3749N, 2636E
0817 at 3750N, 2649E
0819 at 3748N, 2658E

(All times local)
