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LETTER FROM THE YUGOSLAV LIAISON OFFICER ON THE
COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION INTO THE INCIDENTS ALONG THE GREEK BORDER
ADDRESSED TO THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION

Sir:

With reference to your letter No. 67 of 30 April 1947, I have the honour to communicate to you the following:

The Commission of Investigation of the Security Council was created on the basis of the Security Council's resolution of 19 December 1946 and sent to make an on-the-spot investigation into the causes and nature of the abnormal situation in Northern Greece and along the frontier between Greece on the one hand, and Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria on the other. This Commission remained in that area for two whole months, that is, from 30 January 1947 to 4 April 1947. During that time, the Yugoslav Government, through its representative, did everything in its power to assist the Commission of Investigation of the Security Council in the successful completion of its task.

The Commission of Investigation is now engaged in drawing up its report and recommendations to the Security Council. In this final phase of its work, the Yugoslav delegate is endeavouring, and will endeavour as hitherto to aid the Commission of Investigation so that its report may present as true and complete a picture as possible of the real situation and its causes. Only after that, of course, will it be possible to undertake the final study and discussion of the proposals and measures which the Commission may recommend with a view to eliminating the causes of the abnormal situation in the area under investigation. Any measures adopted unilaterally and before such a procedure would inevitably be inadequate and for that reason would not produce the desired result.

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In accordance with this point of view, the Yugoslav Government is not in a position to accept the decision which in reality leads to the creation of a new Commission of Investigation in the form of the Sub-Commission which would have its headquarters at Salonika; moreover, the Yugoslav Government is not prepared to send its Liaison Officer to such a Sub-Commission.

Please communicate the foregoing to the Commission of Investigation of the Security Council.

I have the honour to be, etc.

