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CABLEGRAM FROM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ALBANIA
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, DATED 22 MAY 1947

Tirana, 22 May 1947.

His Excellency Trygve Lie
Secretary-General of the
United Nations
Lake Success, New York

Further to the various communications transmitted to Your Excellency by the Albanian representative with the United Nations on the subject of repeated Greek provocations against Albania by sea, land and air, I have the honour to communicate to you the following: On 21 May 1947 at 10:00 a.m., forty-three Greek aeroplanes coming from Greece penetrated 15 kilometres into Albania and for some minutes flew over the Leskovik Perat Carovode district.

The prefectures from Korca to Carcove, as well as an Albanian shepherds' encampment and their flocks on the spot, state that rockets fired from the Greek aircraft killed a seventy-year-old man and a young girl of seventeen outright, and wounded eight other women and children; further they killed forty-eight beasts of burden at 11:20 in the direction of Leskovik. The aeroplanes returned to Greece. All the recent Greek provocations, as well as the criminal act of 21 May 1947, are nothing but criminal provocations hatched at the expense of the Albanian people by the Greek Fascist Government, which with the encouragement of foreign support, is endeavouring to invent bloody arguments in a vain attempt to convince the Security Council of the need for a sub-commission of investigation in Northern Greece. The Albanian people and Government draw the attention of the United Nations and of all peace-loving and democratic peoples to the

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fact that this policy of premeditated and successive hostile provocations on the part of the monarcho-Fascist Greek Government against the peace-loving Albanian people constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security. The criminal act of aggression of 21 May has filled the entire Albanian people with profound and justified indignation. In the name of my people and the Government of the Peoples' Republic of Albania, I vehemently protest to the United Nations against this abominable crime deliberately committed by the monarcho-Fascist Greek Government and ask that our protest be urgently submitted to all the Members of the Security Council in order that a stop may be put, once and for all, to the acts of international banditry perpetrated by the monarcho-Fascist Greek Government against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Albania and against the lives of Albanian citizens.

/signed/ Colonel General Enver Hoxha
President of the Council and
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of Albania
