

LETTER FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALBANIA TO THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
DATED 23 JUNE 1947

New York, 23 June 1947

Sir:

In accordance with instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to communicate the following:

The Albanian Government has, on various occasions, notified the Secretariat of the repeated provocations by the Greek authorities along our southern frontier; it is clear that this campaign of provocations has recently been intensified and that the act of 21 May 1947 marked the climax of brutality in these new provocations.

The Greek Government, by these acts, is endeavouring to create a disturbed atmosphere and thus to justify its attitude of being in a state of war with Albania. All these provocations are only the logical conclusion of such a policy.

The Albanian Government, having in mind the assistance which it has given to the Commission of Investigation,

Prompted by the desire for international co-operation for the maintenance of peace and security,

Prompted by the desire to contribute to the investigation of the facts in regard to the provocations carried out on our frontier,

And desiring to assist the Security Council in its work, has decided to give the necessary assistance to the Subsidiary Group in regard to possible genuine frontier incidents.

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While taking this decision, the Government of the People's Republic of Albania maintains its point of view as expressed to the Security Council in its meetings of 20 and 22 May 1947, and emphasizes the following:

Although the Security Council has taken no decision in regard to Item 3(b) on its agenda (dated 12 May 1947), the Albanian Government expresses its willingness to facilitate the Subsidiary Group's current work.

Before beginning its inquiry, the Subsidiary Group should approach the Albanian Government in good time and on each separate occasion.

The Albanian Government wishes to make it clear that this co-operation with the Subsidiary Group will continue until the Security Council, after examining the report of the Commission of Investigation, draws up the necessary recommendations on the "Greek question".

I should be grateful to you if you would bring the contents of this letter to the notice of the members of the Security Council.

I have the honour to be, etc.

The Representative of Albania

(signed): Col. Nesti Kerexhi

To His Excellency, Mr. Trygve Lie,  
Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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