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LETTER DATED 20 JULY 1950 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN REPLY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S CABLEGRAM OF 14 JULY 1950 CONCERNING THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS OF 25 AND 27 JUNE, AND 7 JULY 1950 (S/1501, S/1511, S/1588)

When I received your telegram of 14 July, I hastened to transmit its contents to my Government. I am glad to bring now to your knowledge the text of a cable addressed to you by the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Mr. Nicholas Plastiras, as a reply to your telegram:

"I thank you for your communication of July 14th. In the struggle of the United Nations for repelling an unprovoked and unjustifiable attack and in order to preserve international peace and security, Greece, true to her traditions, deems it her duty to be in the vanguard.

"In this spirit, the Greek Government has decided to place at the disposal of the Unified Command six transport Dakota aircraft of the Royal Hellenic Airforce with their crews. As regards the contribution of ground forces, the Greek Government consider that the small military force which Greece possesses as a result of restrictions imposed by circumstances performs, in this neuralgic sector and target of the aggressive policy of communism, the important task of safeguarding peace and security, and they feel certain that the United Nations will not consider it advisable to divert it from this task.

"The Greek Government will in any case keep in touch with you as well as with the United States Government, entrusted with the co-ordination of all assistance, for any common consideration of the question.

"PLASTIRAS"

(Signed) Byron THEODOROPOULOS
Acting Permanent Representative of Greece
to the United Nations
