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LETTER DATED 8 AUGUST 1974 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I am referring to the communication which this Permanent Mission has made to your office last Saturday, 3 August, concerning the arrest by the Turkish forces of four members of the staff of the Greek Embassy in Nicosia, in flagrant violation of all international laws.

The above persons, after having been held incommunicado for several days, were finally released. During their capture, the four men have been subjected to brutal physical force, as a result of which they have suffered injuries. At the recommendation of the Cypriot Red Cross, they have been examined by eminent Cypriot doctors, who have certified the following:

"Name of Injured: Alexandros Simeoforides, age 39, employee of the Greek Embassy, Nicosia.

Date of ill-treatment: 3 August 1974.

Date of examination: 4 August 1974.

Place of ill-treatment: Turkish sector of Nicosia.

Way of ill-treatment: By fists, kicking and whipping (hands and feet being immobilized).

Subjective symptom: He is complaining of pain in both wrists and upperabdomen (epigastrium).

Objective finding: (1) Back reddening of skin 15 cm long from the spine to the left shoulder blade (corresponding to its lower angle).

(2) Abdomen: signs of bruise (haematoma formation) on the left side of the upper abdomen. (3) Left leg: Abrasion with subcutaneous bleeding, 3.5 cm long. Conclusion: Injuries inflicted with blunt instrument.

Name of Injured: Chrysostomos Karapetros, age 42, employee of the Greek Embassy, Nicosia.

Date of ill-treatment: 3 August 1974.

Place of ill-treatment: Turkish sector of Nicosia.

Date of examination: 4 August 1974.

Way of ill-treatment: Slapping and whipping.

Subjective symptom: He is complaining of pain in the face, neck, upper abdomen and right thigh.

Objective finding: (1) Face: Recent bruise (haematoma) on right cheek, extending to right ear (5x6 cm).

(2) Thorax: Signs of bruise parallel to anterior lower chest wall.

(3) Right thigh: Abrasion associated with reddening of the skin on the medial and upper aspect of the thigh.

Name of Injured: John Michaelides, age 40, employee of the Greek Embassy, Nicosia.

Date of ill-treatment: 3 August 1974.

Place of ill-treatment: Turkish sector, Nicosia.

Date of examination: 4 August 1974.

Way of ill-treatment: Slapped on the face.

Subjective symptoms: He is complaining of pain on the right side of the face. As a result of the slapping there was nose bleeding as he stated.

Objective finding: small hemorrhage of the conjunctiva (conjunctival hemorrhage) of the right eye.

Name of Injured: John Georgiadis, age 21, employee of the Greek Embassy, Nicosia.

Date of ill-treatment: 3 August 1974.

Place of ill-treatment: Turkish sector, Nicosia.

Date of examination: 4 August 1974.

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Way of ill-treatment: He was thrown on the floor and beaten on the neck with a chair.

Subjective symptom: He is complaining of pain of his neck.

Objective finding: Painful head movement, especially on lateral bending (to the left) on the right side of the neck."

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

(Signed) Denis CARAYANNIS  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Greece  
to the United Nations

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