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LETTER DATED 16 SEPTEMBER 1974 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
CYPRUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Further to my letter of 5 September 1974, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following additional atrocities committed by the Turkish occupation forces in Cyprus:

1. It is reported that more and more Greek Cypriots are being transported from the Turkish-occupied areas to Turkey. The one such transportation recently observed was estimated to include over 1,000 persons.

2. Livestock are dying from want of care and water. The situation of thousands of cattle, pigs and chickens left behind by fleeing Greek and Turkish villagers is reported to be desperate. Many are reported to be dying for lack of fodder and water. The Ministry of Agriculture estimates that 20,000 head of cattle, 80,000 pigs, 7 million broiler chickens and 500,000 goats and sheep are wandering about in Turkish-occupied areas.

Large supplies of perishable food are said to be rotting in warehouses in Famagusta. Valuable livestock and citrus plantations are in danger of total destruction, which could lead to famine. Crops are dying through lack of irrigation, and a spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said that plantation owners had so far been refused permission to enter Turkish-held territory and irrigate citrus groves.

Both the Cyprus Government and the United Nations have been trying to arrange for refugees to return to some parts of the occupied island to give water and food to dying livestock and move perishable food-stuffs. A tragic state of affairs exists in Turkish-occupied areas, where the Greek Cypriot population has been driven away and their agricultural potential systematically destroyed.

3. A number of Greek Cypriots still sheltering in Famagusta, totally occupied by Turkish troops, are short of water and food, and some need medical treatment.

This is the grim picture of the life of the Greek Cypriots in the hands of those who unabashedly still profess "to bring peace" to the island.

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

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Permanent Representative of  
Cyprus to the United Nations