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Letter dated 4 October 1974 from the Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a message, dated 29 September 1974,
addressed to you by Mr. Rauf R. Denktas, Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus,

I will be grateful if you could circulate this letter as an official
document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

(Signed) Osman OLCAY
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Your Excellency,

I wish to refer to my letter of even reference dated 9 September 1974 concerning Cyprus' representation at the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly and to enclose herewith some of the statements made by Mr. Spyros Kyprianou (who, I understand, has been detailed to head the Greek Cypriot delegation at the above meeting), which disclose Mr. Kyprianou's real identity and the purpose which he is serving, so that the honourable delegates from other countries attending the meeting may know with whom they are dealing and are not misled by the so-called Greek Cypriot delegation which, while giving the false impression that they are representing the Republic of Cyprus, are in fact striving to destroy the independence of that very Republic. The most that Mr. Kyprianou and the other members of his delegation can do, is to represent the armed group of the Greek Cypriot community. They cannot under any circumstances represent the Turkish community of Cyprus.

While appraising these statements by Mr. Kyprianou, I would like to invite attention to the fact that in the Greek Cypriot vocabulary "national leadership" means "Greek national leadership" and not a leadership which works for the independence of Cyprus, "national restoration" means "enosis (union of Cyprus with Greece)", "self-determination" and "a democratic solution in accordance with the wishes of the majority" mean and have always meant "the destruction of the bi-national aspect of the independence of Cyprus and the denial of the right of the Turkish Cypriots to defend this independence, in the creation of which they are co-founder partners". As it will be seen from the statement of Mr. Kyprianou to the editor of the Daily Star, the terms "true independence" and "self-determination" mean nothing but union of Cyprus with Greece.

I trust that the statements will receive all the more attention in the light of the fact that while Mr. Kyprianou was so openly advocating the destruction of the independent Republic of Cyprus he was fully misusing such high principles as independence and self-determination in order to deceive the world forum in supporting the Greek Cypriot leadership for the destruction of those very principles in Cyprus.

On behalf of the Turkish Cypriot community, which has been defending the independence of Cyprus against enosis for the last 11 years, I humbly request Your Excellency to have this letter, and the statements annexed thereto, which depict the thoughts and aspirations of Mr. Kyprianou, circulated to all the honourable delegates attending the above session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Please accept, Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Rauf R. DENKIPAS
Vice-President
Republic of Cyprus

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APPENDIX

A. Statement to the British Broadcasting Corporation Television, 22 March 1966

Once we secure respect for our complete independence and full sovereignty it will be up to the people of Cyprus themselves in exercise of their sovereign rights to choose the form of government which they wish and the political future of the country and it will be up to them to decide for union of Cyprus with Greece. Of course it is not a secret, it is a fact, that the people of Cyprus have always had the desire for union with Greece.

(Greek Cypriot PIO Press Release
No. 8 of 22 March 1966)

B. Speech at Ayia Phylaxis village, Limassol, 16 July 1966

Present: Mayor of Limassol, members of the house of representatives, professors of the Salonica University:

The national leadership which voices the wish of all the people is not prepared to accept any compromise solution adulterating the people's national restoration, the Cyprus people want union of the whole of Cyprus with Greece ... The Greek Cypriot people will continue to struggle having as their standard the Greek flag, the Greek virtue and the Greek ideals.

The leader of the Salonica excursionists, Mr. Constantinopulos expressed the wish that the Greeks of Greece and Cyprus may soon celebrate the Island's union with the mother country.

(Greek Cypriot PIO Press Release
No. 13 of 16 July 1966)

C. Speech at Limassol on the occasion of April 1 Anniversary, 1 April 1967

It is impossible for the "difficult" Cyprus struggle to succeed unless the Greek Cypriots adhere to the lofty ideals of the Greek race. An essential prerequisite is the maintenance by the Greek Cypriots of their national issue as such, they should never think that the Cyprus question can be a political matter. It is neither a political, nor a party, nor a personal matter. It is a national issue both for Cyprus and Greece and the solution cannot be anything else than "enosis". If need be the Cypriot people will fight and win again ... At this critical stage the Cyprus struggle is passing through, there is a great advantage which did not exist in 1955 and that is the fact that Cyprus has now an independent and sovereign State and therefore, her struggle for union with Greece is easier and shorter than before.

(Greek Cypriot PIO Press Release
No. 4 of 1 April 1967)

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D. Statement to editor of the "Daily Star" of Beirut, 19 April 1967

- Editor: There have been reports that your Government is willing to accept a NATO base on the Island in return for enosis, is this true?
- Kyprianou: Greece is a member of NATO. In case of enosis Cyprus will, normally, be part of Greece in the same way vis-à-vis NATO as any other part of Greece. The question of a NATO base, therefore, should be viewed in the light of this reality.
- Editor: There are suggestions that your Government is not actively in support of enosis at this present stage, is that true? Is your Government still committed to union with Greece?
- Kyprianou: The Cyprus Government has always been committed to a solution of the problem in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the people of Cyprus in the exercise of their right of self-determination. The vast majority of the people of Cyprus desire union of Cyprus with Greece, as it is well known.
- Editor: Do you see any connexion between the reported Turkish-Arab rapprochement and the assumed change of heart between the Soviet Union and Turkey?
- Kyprianou: As I have already stated, Turkey has systematically striven to obtain international support for her position on Cyprus and in this respect she has exploited to the utmost the reluctance or dislike of certain States - for reasons of their own - to see Cyprus united with Greece. This is particularly true of the Soviet Union, which, by expressing opposition to the union of Cyprus with Greece, has in fact strengthened the position of those who are trying to deny Cyprus the essence of true independence and self-determination.

(Greek Cypriot PIO Press Release
No. 1 of 19 April 1967)

E. Speech at Limassol on the occasion of 150th Anniversary of Greek Liberation, 24 March 1971

The most basic prerequisite for the successful evolution of our national problem is internal cohesion, unity and concord. There may be partisan or personal differences, there may be individual or political ambitions, but the most basic ambition that must occupy the soul, the heart, the conscience and the mind of all Greek Cypriots is the national ambition, the national duty. The motherland must always serve as our compass. He who sacrifices or compromises over the national interest for other considerations commits a crime against his country, his ancestors, his people, his children, against Hellenism and its mission.

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The unity of purpose, aim and policy existing between Greece and Cyprus is absolute. The line of policy by the two Governments is one and the same. Neither Cyprus nor Greece can possibly accept solutions that might, sooner or later, be considered by the people and history and by posterity as nationally inadmissible compromises and as cursed heritage ...

The presence in Cyprus of Greek officers, who are surrounded by our brotherly love and affection and who form the backbone of our army of national resistance, is solid evidence of the motherly support and a link of national unity and common link.

(Greek Cypriot PIO Press Release
No. 7 of 24 March 1971)

