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Letter dated 16 October 1979 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.  
of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to furnish herewith additional evidence clearly manifesting Turkey's partitionist and annexationist designs against Cyprus and its people as a whole:

(a) By a special "decree" of the occupation "authorities", the usurpers of the homes and lands of the expelled Greek Cypriot refugees - over one third of the island's total population - have now been granted permission to claim ownership and sell those properties in clear violation of international law and of specific General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on Cyprus. This action, coupled with the continuing implantation in the occupied area of thousands of colonist-settlers from Turkey, comes as a further affirmation of Ankara's policy never to allow the expelled indigenous inhabitants to return to their ancestral homes and lands, as called for by the relevant United Nations resolutions.

(b) Furthermore, "the Council of Ministers" of the so-called Turkish Federated State, as Ankara, for its own sinister purposes, prefers to name and project the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus, has recently passed a decision, according to which all passports of the Republic of Cyprus issued by the Government of Cyprus after 20 July 1974 to Turkish Cypriots are considered null and void. This new arbitrary Turkish action leaves no doubt as to the ultimate Turkish objective of partition and annexation of the occupied part of Cyprus to Turkey. I should not fail to mention that this action was also denounced by Mr. Özgür Özgür, leader of the "Cypriot Republican Turkish Party" as seeking "to separate the two communities from one another and to integrate the occupied region with Turkey ...". 1/ Ironically, it is

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1/ Statement by Mr. Özgür made on 8 September 1979.

also an action which by itself effectively refutes earlier allegations of Mr. Denktash that the Government of Cyprus denies issuance or renewal of passports to Turkish Cypriots and that for this reason he was compelled to provide the Turkish Cypriots with "travel documents" of his pseudo-state.

(c) Another arbitrary action calculated to further Ankara's insidious aims is the decision to stop distributing mail and packages to the enclaved Greek Cypriot inhabitants, in the occupied part of Cyprus unless they bore the "stamps" illegally issued by the so-called Turkish Federated State. The illegality of such stamps has already been clearly established by a decision of the Congress of the Universal Postal Union, which was held recently at Rio de Janeiro, and hence this point calls for no further elaboration. I must, however, draw attention to the ominous implications of the above action on the enclaved Greek Cypriot inhabitants still remaining in the occupied area. Having been subjected to all forms of harassment by the Turkish forces of occupation in order to force them to abandon their ancestral homes and lands, those unfortunate people are now being deprived of the only remaining means of relief and communication with their relatives in the free areas of the Republic.

In strongly protesting, on behalf of my Government, the aforementioned arbitrary and inhuman Turkish actions, which unmistakably betray Ankara's ruthless determination to impose by force a partitionist solution to the Cyprus problem, I wish to express the hope that Your Excellency will find it possible to take all necessary steps towards arresting this abhorrent process of manifest illegalities and faits accomplis.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Joseph J. STEPHANIDES  
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