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LETTER DATED 27 NOVEMBER 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF TURKEY ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to forward herewith a message dated 23 November 1967, addressed to you by Dr. Fazil Küçük, in connexion with information reaching him regarding the distribution of Czechoslovak arms which were under the custody of UNFICYP prior to the Greek-Greek-Cypriot attack launched in Cyprus against the Turkish-Cypriot villages of Kophinou and Ayios Theodoros on 15 November 1967.

I shall be grateful if Your Excellency will kindly have the text of this message circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Turkey  
to the United Nations

Your Excellency,

I have learned with disgust that, despite the definite assurances given to Your Excellency and to me, the arms imported from Czechoslovakia have been distributed to the members of the Greek Police and National Guard who proved to be bloodthirsty savage terrorists rather than members of a disciplined force. I therefore register my strong protest against this action of the Greek Administration which by continuing to arm with deadly weapons irresponsible thugs, have once again displayed that their intention is to subject the Turkish Community to acts of massacre.

I take this opportunity to recall that the Greek police is a force established in flagrant violation of the Constitution and Greek National Guard is an armed force manned, controlled, commanded and directed by the chief of general staff in Athens. The very presence in Cyprus of armed personnel from Greece and the participation of these personnel in acts of aggression against Turkish Cypriots (as has been the case in A. Theodoros and Kophinou) is a deliberate defiance and breach of the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus. The recent events proved that the UNFICYP cannot effectively prevent recurrence of fighting unless and until the Greek force together with all its heavy war materials and other equipment is withdrawn from Cyprus and the Greek police force is reduced to the strength prescribed under the Constitution.

I shall be grateful if this communication may be circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Fazıl Kılıçık  
Vice-President of the  
Republic of Cyprus

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