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LETTER DATED 15 NOVEMBER 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to my previous communications on the subject of violations of Greek air space by Turkish aircraft, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency, on instructions from my Government, that in spite of the formal protests lodged by the Greek with the Turkish Government, the above violations have not stopped.

On the contrary, a series of new violations took place on 13 November, as follows:

1. At 1332 hours local time, Turkish airplanes flew over the north-eastern tip of the island of Chios, at a point 38° 32' north and 26° 14' east. The same aircraft were spotted at 1339 hours over the eastern tip of the island of Icaria, at 37° 42' north and 26° 20' east. The aircraft were flying at an altitude of 500 feet and at a speed of 360 nautical miles.

2. Between 1340 and 1346 hours, local time, a number of Turkish airplanes flew over the island of Lesbos. The point of entry into Greek air space was 39° 20' north and 26° 27' east. The point of exit was 39° 12' north and 26° 34' east. The depth of penetration was eight nautical miles. The speed of the aircraft was 280 nautical miles.

3. Between 1340 and 1345 hours, local time, another violation occurred over the island of Lesbos. A number of Turkish airplanes entered Greek air space at a point 39° 24' north and 26° 21' east. The point of exit was 39° 25' north and 26° 28' east. The depth of penetration into Greek air space was six nautical miles and the aircraft were flying at a speed of 400 nautical miles.

4. Between 1341 and 1342 hours, local time, Turkish airplanes again violated Greek air space over the island of Lesbos. The point of entry was 39° 20' north and 26° 24' east and that of exit 39° 13' north and 26° 22' east. The depth of penetration was three nautical miles, and the aircraft were flying at a speed of 320 nautical miles.

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In addition to the above four violations, on the next day, that is on 14 November 1967, two Turkish aircraft violated Greek air space over the island of Samos. The violation lasted six minutes, from 1128 to 1134 hours, local time. The aircraft were flying at an altitude of 14,000 feet, and at a speed of 320 knots. They entered Greek air space at a point 37° 34' north and 27° 00' east, and exited at a point 37° 50' north and 27° 01' east. The depth of penetration was eight nautical miles.

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

Please accept, etc.

(<u>Signed</u>) Dimitri S. BITSIOS Ambassador Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations