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SPECIAL REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON RECENT  
DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS

1. The following report is based on information received from Headquarters, UNFICYP, concerning developments in Cyprus on 17 and 18 November 1967.
2. At 2045 hours<sup>1/</sup> on 17 November there was an exchange of fire between personnel of the Cyprus National Guard in positions opposite the southwest corner of the Kokkina enclave in the northwestern part of the Island and the Turkish Cypriots in the enclave. The firing gradually lessened and ceased at 2200 hours. The total exchange amounted to approximately 150 rounds of small arms fire. An earlier report that the National Guard were advancing from their positions toward the enclave subsequently proved to be unfounded. There were no casualties although reports of this incident increased tension elsewhere in the Island and especially in Nicosia.
3. Throughout the morning of 18 November UNFICYP observations posts in the Famagusta Zone reported a number of aircraft sightings. These were at first confined to the Karpas Peninsula from Cape Andreas to Boghaz. Later other sightings were reported from Larnaca. At 1230 hours a single aircraft passed over UNFICYP Headquarters in Nicosia flying northeast and fifteen minutes later another apparently of similar type passed over flying southwest. The approximate height of these flights was between ten and fifteen thousand feet. Identification by UNFICYP personnel of aircraft types and markings was not possible. The Permanent Representative of Cyprus, however, on 18 November informed the Secretary-General that his Government had positively identified the aircraft making these overflights as Turkish military aircraft. He and later the Permanent Representative of Greece, expressed to the Secretary-General their Governments' anxiety about these overflights and the dangerous consequences that might ensue from them. The Secretary-General on 18 November conveyed to the Government of Turkey through its Permanent Representative to the United Nations his own concern about these activities and appealed for restraint.

<sup>1/</sup> All times are local Cyprus time.

4. During a conversation between the Foreign Minister of Cyprus and a representative of UNFICYP on the afternoon of 18 November 1967, the Foreign Minister expressed his Government's concern at incidents which occurred on the morning of 18 November along the Green Line in Nicosia, and his fear that the situation would undoubtedly worsen rapidly if such incidents continued. The incidents referred to were as follows:

(a) At 0615 hours on 18 November 1967, a Greek Cypriot on the third storey of the Ledra Palace Hotel heard what sounded like a shot and was injured in the face by pieces of falling masonry. There was no doubt that the shot came from the Turkish Cypriot quarter.

(b) At 0656 hours on 18 November 1967, an UNFICYP sentry observed a shot fired from a Turkish Cypriot position near the Ledra Palace Hotel. The shot wounded a Greek Cypriot in the hand.

(c) At 1152 hours on 18 November 1967 in the vicinity of Paphos Street in the old city of Nicosia, a Greek Cypriot who had business premises there was shot in the hip from a Turkish Cypriot position. His wound was not serious, and the local Turkish fighter leader promised to take appropriate action to restrain his men in the tense situation which prevailed.

5. The situation in the Kophinou/Ayios Theodoros area was reported to be quiet. Two Cyprus police patrols between Skarinou and Ayios Theodoros were carried out on 17 November 1967 without incident. During the conversation referred to in paragraph 4 above, there was a helpful discussion of the possibility of joint Cyprus Police/UNFICYP Civil Police patrols to Ayios Theodoros for a limited period, with a view to reducing tension in the area. Further discussions on this matter will be held on 20 November 1967.

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