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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 UNFICYP concerning developments in Cyprus since the publication of the last report on the subject on 18 November 1967 (S/8248/Add.1).
2. At 2316 hours<sup>1/</sup> on 18 November firing broke out in the Limnitis enclave in Lefka District and quickly spread to other areas around the enclave. The firing lasted about forty-five minutes. The UNFICYP local Commander reported that firing was initiated by the National Guard, although the latter subsequently denied it. Approximately 350 rounds were fired, most of them by the National Guard. No casualties were reported.
3. In the afternoon of 18 November, a Greek Cypriot civilian was shot in the chest from a Turkish Cypriot position in the vicinity of Famagusta gate in Nicosia. The condition of the civilian was reported as serious.
4. On 18 November a Cyprus Police Landrover with four policemen made two journeys from Ayios Theodhoros to Skarinou and back, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. It was subsequently stated by Cyprus Police Headquarters that the purpose of these journeys was to collect food and blankets. UNFICYP, however, considered that in view of the prevailing tension, such journeys should preferably be made on the alternative southern route for the time being.
5. Overflights of unidentified aircraft were reported by UNFICYP on the morning of 19 November. At 1549 hours on the same day two Turkish F-104 jet aircraft were identified flying low over UNFICYP Headquarters in Nicosia.
6. At 0700 hours on 20 November a serious incident concerning the restriction of UNFICYP freedom of movement occurred in the Martin's Mound area of Kyrenia

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

District (GR R 998 768). A three-man patrol on routine route was surrounded by Turkish Cypriot fighters when approaching their positions. Members of the patrol were beaten by them with rifle butts, disarmed and escorted into Turkish Cypriot positions. One soldier managed to escape but the other two were held for forty-five minutes before being released. It was not until 0915 hours that their arms and radio equipment were returned to the UNFICYP local Commander. Immediately upon learning of this incident the UNFICYP Chief of Staff and the Commander of the Contingent concerned lodged strong verbal protests with the Turkish Cypriot leadership. The Turkish Embassy in Nicosia was also informed of this incident by the two UNFICYP officials.

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