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LETTER DATED 18 NOVEMBER 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CYPRUS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to bring to the urgent attention of the members of the Security Council the latest instances of threats of force and aggression by Turkey directed against the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and independence of Cyprus:

At 9.30 hours, Cyprus local time, today, ~~13 November 1967~~, one Turkish military aircraft of the F104 type flew over the Karpas Peninsula, on the eastern part of the island at an altitude of 500 feet.

At 10.10 hours of the same day, two more planes of the same type flew over the same area again.

At 12.55 hours of the same day, one Turkish military plane of the RF84F type flew over Kormakiti area at an altitude of 5,000 feet. The same type of plane flew over Nicosia Airport at the same time.

At 13.25 hours of the same day, one Turkish plane of the F100 type again flew over Kormakiti circling the area for about three minutes at an altitude of 2,000 feet.

At 13.35 hours of the same day, two Turkish planes of the F84F type flew over Paphos area at an altitude of 500 feet.

These Turkish military overflights carried out at low level and in a threatening manner, were calculated to terrorize the inhabitants and to create and intensify tension in the island.

Furthermore, the Turkish Grand National Assembly at a special session yesterday authorized the Government to use the Turkish armed forces outside Turkey - obviously against Cyprus.

Such threats of force and aggression by Turkey, in pursuance of a policy of gunboat diplomacy against Cyprus are viewed with the gravest concern by my Government. They constitute flagrant violations of the Charter of the United Nations and the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus, including the Consensus of

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11 August 1964 which called upon all States to "Cease all flights over Cyprus in violation of its territory".

On behalf of my Government, I have the honour to register an emphatic protest for such acts directed against the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Cyprus.

Your Excellency is kindly requested to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council and distributed to all Members of the United Nations.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Zefon ROSSIDES
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Cyprus to the United Nations

