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LETTER DATED 23 JUNE 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CYPRUS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to draw your Excellency's attention and that of the members of the Security Council to a further indication of the expansionist aims of Turkey over Cyprus. A new map of Turkey, published in the official bulletin of the Turkish Government of 1 June 1966, presents Cyprus as part of the territory of Turkey. Attached is a copy of the map.

This is the second time that official maps of Turkey so include Cyprus. On the first occasion, 1 January 1966, in my letter of 21 February (S/7155), I denounced such inclusion of Cyprus and pointed to its dire implications. The Representative of Turkey unsuccessfully tried to put the blame then on "imperfections of reproduction" as regards colouring. In the present case, however, beyond the unmistakable identity of colour, on the maps of Cyprus and Turkey - as distinct from the colouring of the other adjoining countries - there is on them furthermore, a graphic depiction of the products of Turkey as well as those of Cyprus, and not of the other adjoining countries. In addition on a smaller inset map, intended to show the towns and road communications of Turkey, Cyprus again appears with similar markings of its towns and roads, thus leaving no doubt as to the intention to present Cyprus as part of Turkish territory.

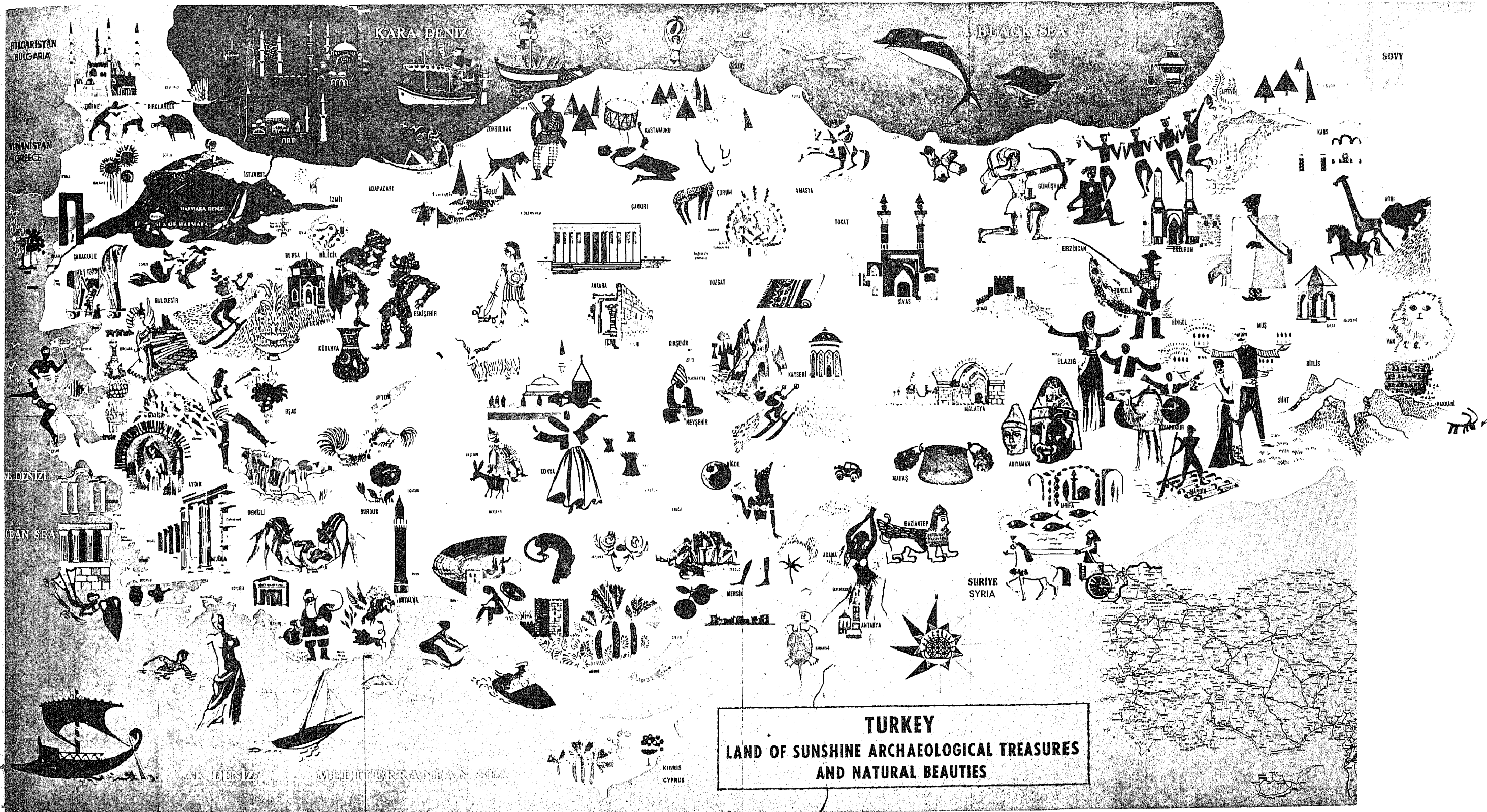
The implication of such map representation of Cyprus as part of Turkey is obvious: it can only signify the aggressive intent and expansionist aims of Turkey. It thus further confirms the view we have always maintained, that the trouble and conflict in Cyprus is not one of intercommunal differences, but has its roots in the expansionist policy of Turkey. The Turkish Cypriots are mere pawns caught in the meshes of that outdated and hopeless policy. The pretence of protecting the Turkish minority is only a worn out façade. In reality it brings to them but suffering, rather than protection and, more regrettably, results in blocking the way to any solution of the Cyprus problem, under the Charter of the United Nations.

It may be reminded that recent history, particularly of the period before the outbreak of the Second World War, gives ample testimony of the international perils arising from Governments, who similarly issued maps purporting to include, within their territorial sovereignty, territories belonging to other sovereign States. The repeated publication by the Turkish Government of such maps constitutes a threat against the independence and sovereignty of Cyprus, in violation of the Charter and, more specifically, in violation of the Security Council and the General Assembly resolutions on Cyprus - it furthermore can only be prejudicial to all efforts for a peaceful solution of the problem.

Your Excellency is kindly requested to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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